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EIR on Del Norte project available for public review

Residents have until April 25 to submit comments

By Frasier

EL CERRITO — The Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Del Norte BART Station Mixed Use Project is currently being circulated for public review and input. Comments and other interested parties have until April 25 to make comments and concerns. All comments received, in written or spoken form, must be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Report on the project before it can be certified by the Alameda County Development Agency. A public hearing is scheduled before the Commission April 16. The report covers proposed development projects at two sites adjacent to the Del Norte BART station, a 3.17-acre "BART" site and a 1.7-acre "Mayfair" site. The BART station contains a 333-space parking lot owned by BART. The site, so-called after the grocery store which once

stood on the property, includes a private 140-space parking lot, an Apex Heating and Air Conditioning building and vacant land.

On the BART site, developer Charles Oewel proposes to remove the parking lot and replace it with a two-story structure that would include a 20-screen movie theater, 36,639 square feet of retail space, a BART police facility and 932-space, three-level subterranean parking garage. Of those parking spaces, 333 are considered as "BART replacement spaces," and 599 as spaces for the exclusive use of cinema and retail patrons.

A shared parking agreement would also allow center patrons to use BART parking in the structure and in the existing BART station surface lot and garage during weekday evenings and weekends.

On the Mayfair site, Oewel proposes to remove the private parking lot, demolish the building and construct a five-story multi-use building, with 208 apartment units on the

upper four floors, 1,500 square feet of retail space and a 242-space parking garage on the ground floor.

Also in circulation is an attachment to the environmental review analyzing the impacts of an alternative plan providing for "more intensive commercial activity" in the vicinity of the station. Under that alternative, the cinema complex would be raised to a second-floor level in order to accommodate more retail uses. More than 63,000 square feet of retail space would be added to the original plan. "Alternative F" was proposed by Oewel.

As is required by law, the EIR addresses projected project impacts as they have to do with land use and design factors; population, housing and employment; transportation and parking; public services (such as police, fire, schools and water); drainage and water quality; soils and geology; noise and air quality.

Of the many impacts analyzed in the report, traffic circulation and parking impacts have created the most controversy in the community. Many neighbor residents have expressed concern over congestion when hundreds of theater patrons drive back and forth to the cinema. The DEIR identifies 29 projected transportation and parking impacts. It also states that all 29 can be reduced to "less than significant" impact if recommended mitigations are undertaken.

For example, traffic conditions at Key Boulevard and Cutting are expected to deteriorate by the year 2010 even without the project; with the project they are expected to grow even worse. The report recommends an exclusive eastbound right-turn lane be added on Key Boulevard as an effective mitigation.

Also required by law is the listing and brief analysis of a variety of

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Proposed closure of Behrens and Spokane draws mixed reviews

By Frasier

ALBANY — The City of Albany Traffic and Safety Committee met Thursday night for consideration of the closure of Spokane Avenue and Behrens Street. The closure is planned as a mitigation for parking impacts projected as a result of the construction of Albany Middle School in the neighborhood.

A new school will be built at the intersection of the two cities, where Spokane Avenue becomes Behrens Street. The closure is planned as a mitigation for parking impacts projected as a result of the construction of Albany Middle School in the neighborhood.

\$45,000 to Albany and \$45,000 to El Cerrito in order to effect the closure or to make some other appropriate traffic or parking mitigation.

El Cerrito City Planner Ed Phillips, who attended the meeting, later explained some of the cost involved. Sidewalks and curbs have to be rebuilt and cul-de-sacs constructed at each end, he said.

Last week's meeting was intended as a time to gather public input. Thirteen people spoke to the commission, said Ray Barker, engineering and maintenance manager for the City of Albany.

"The first time staff brought this up to the commission was at its Feb. 27 meeting," Barker said. "At that point, the commission asked us to send out public meeting announcements and to put it on the agenda again in March."

The staff's recommendation was that the commission would consider the closure with "discussion only" in February and March. Both staff members and commissioners

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Boblitt suggests Ritz's city council seat be filled by ex-member

By Frasier

EL CERRITO — Citing the "need" to do something to "improve the contentious climate" that exists in the El Cerrito City Council, Chamber of Commerce President Boblitt has called on council members to abandon their usual practice of filling a vacant seat by appointment.

Boblitt sent to each council member a letter stating that the council have "a great opportunity to demonstrate their sense of fairness and good judgment" in appointing a successor for Mae Ritz, who resigned last month.

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"All that remains of Ritz's unexpired term is a scant six months," wrote Boblitt. "This is barely enough time to become acquainted with the job. For almost half a year, should a newcomer be appointed, we would be left with four regular council members and an 'intern.'"

"We would like to suggest that someone who has already served on the council be selected to fill the unexpired term, with the clear understanding that the person could not run for office in November."

In so doing, said Boblitt, the council would be providing the community with five experienced council members for the next six months.

"It would also open this seat up for the November election by not giving one person the advantage of being able to run as an incumbent, thereby discouraging other interested local residents from running

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Photo by Mark Koehler

Frost salts the track at Golden Gate Fields as horses and trainer gallop at dawn.

Purchase writes new chapter in racetrack's complex history

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — It was the biggest land deal to occur in Albany in decades, with enough property changing hands to hold two University Villages, Gill Tract and all, and still have 45 acres left over. It was a quiet deal, made in private between privately-owned entities, which did not seem certain until it was announced at a press conference last Wednesday.

With 1997 shaking out as a year of some of the most sweeping changes in Albany history — including renovation of University Village, possible closure of the high school, a new middle school, proposed redevelopment of the Eastshore Highway area and the purchase of a 207-acre park along the East Bay shoreline all either done or in the works — perhaps the biggest change dropped out of the sky last week when Ladbroke and

Catellus corporations signed a Memorandum of Understanding for purchase of the 225-acre parcel which is home to Golden Gate Fields.

'Hopefully now Ladbroke will put money into the facility as the new owner...'

— CITY ADMINISTRATOR DAREN FIELDS

While a racetrack existing on the waterfront in perpetuity might not seem all that shocking today, there was a time when thoughts ran otherwise. In 1985, for example, the city commissioned the first portion of a three-phase planning process

in anticipation of the racetrack closing this year. As recently as 1990, Catellus (then Santa Fe Pacific Realty) had a million dollar-plus environmental impact report — which studied six different development alternatives — certified by the city.

Now those plans appear to have all been for naught, and horse racing in Albany, according to a Ladbroke press release, "will continue into the next millennium." Not surprisingly, considering the waterfront has been one of the most fiercely-debated pieces of property in recent years, reactions from the community are mixed.

"On the whole it's probably a good thing, and Ladbroke will feel perhaps a greater commitment and responsibility to the city," says Albany Mayor Bob Good.

"It's really unfortunate," says John Shively, who, along with a handful of city residents, helped

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Astrologers file suit over fingerprinting requirement

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — As was predicted last summer, a group of astrologers who sought to remove a fingerprinting requirement from Albany's fortune-telling ordinance are back, bearing a lawsuit, and it looks like the city might just have to honor their wishes.

The lawsuit, filed by Berkeley-based astrologer Karen Stokkink and the Association For Astrological Networking (AFAN), seeks temporary and permanent injunctions against the city claiming the ordinance violates both the state and federal constitutions. While some elected officials cite the issue as one worth fighting for philosophically, the question at the moment appears not only to be one of law but of whether Albany is willing to shell out thousands of dollars to argue the matter in court.

"I think the issue is not just one of fingerprinting but of First Amendment rights," said City Administrator Daren Fields. "I think there are First Amendment and financial considerations the City Council needs to take into account as to whether this is a battle that should be fought."

The dispute stems from a decision last July by the previous City Council to reinstate a fingerprinting requirement into Albany's fortune-telling ordinance. At the time, the council was revising the ordinance

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Photo by Chester King Vega

Members of the Kensington Park Advisory Committee, accompanied by local residents, take a walk through the grounds of the park they are helping to redesign.

Workshop generates concepts for park

KENSINGTON — The Kensington Park Advisory Committee sponsored its second community planning meeting Saturday, March 22. The meeting was designed as a real "hands-on" workshop, according to resident Lynn Wolter.

The morning session began with a walk-through of the site, then the group of about 50 residents broke up into smaller clusters of 10 persons each.

"Each group was given a number of cut-out shapes that approximated the size and configuration of different

amenities — a standard baseball field, soccer field, pavilion, children's play structures, basketball and tennis courts," she said. "People were encouraged to take these shapes, lay them out and determine what kinds of usage configurations made sense."

"All the end results from each group were then sketched out onto large-scale overviews of the site, and each group shared their general concepts with the larger group."

The conceptual ideas "are what the park committee will take on to the next step," said Wolter, who expects this will involve a "fine-

tuning of ideas" that will finally result in several alternative "master plans."

At some point, the committee will bring its recommendation(s) to the Kensington Community Service District, and the community will choose between the various options.

Wolter is herself a board member of the KCSD, which established the committee as an advisory body. She said she attended the Saturday workshop as a private resident, however, rather than as a board liaison.

Letters to the Editor

Support EMS program

Editor:
Albany voters have an important decision to make in June: Do we continue to provide the high level of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) available in Albany?

Proposition 218 passed by voters in November requires assessments to be voted on and passed by a two-thirds vote. Albany EMS program falls under that proposition and depends on two assessments:

1. A city-wide assessment of \$30.84 per parcel per year, which provides the city paramedic and ambulance services and the rapid response times that make Albany one of the safest places to live; and
2. A county-wide assessment of \$21.14 per parcel per year, which funds the three-county trauma centers where seriously ill or injured people are taken for emergency care.

To maintain the high quality of service, we need both assessments to pass. Both assessments together cost us only 14 cents per day!

These two measures will not increase our taxes. The measures simply ask us to continue to pay what we are now paying.

The current Emergency Medical Services are provided by the Albany Fire Department. Trained paramedics, available 24 hours a day and supported by firefighters that care about the community respond to medical emergencies on the average of 3 times a day, 365 days a year. Historically, they respond in under four minutes. This rapid response is critical to saving lives.

I urge you to join me in supporting the continuation of the EMS program. Let's maintain the high quality of life in Albany by continuing an outstanding program that only costs us 14 cents per day and does not increase our taxes!

Bill Cain
Member, Albany School Board
Former Albany Mayor

April 12 marks Quake Day

Editor:
We know a major earthquake will occur in Northern California, but we don't know when. One thing that we all can do to minimize damage to our own dwelling (and our neighbor's) is to make sure that our water heaters are safely strapped so that they will not topple over and cause a fire in the event of a quake.

Albany Earthquake Preparedness is launching a drive to strap every water heater in town by April 12, Earthquake Preparedness Day. If any Albany resident has an unstrapped or inadequately strapped water heater, teams of trained volunteers will do the strapping for them.

Also on April 12, all Albany residents are urged to participate in a utilities-free dinner. Following a quake, it is very likely that we will have no electricity, water, gas or phone for some time. How will we wash or prepare food and clean up? April 12 is a perfect time to practice post-quake daily living with your neighbors.

Pretend your utilities are turned off and join the "Quake and Bake" with your family, groups of families or your whole block!

Nancy Pfeiffer
Albany

Postpone building middle school

Editor:
Albany should postpone building the new middle school for these reasons:

1. There is a strong possibility that the high school will be condemned this summer. If that happens, the high school students must be placed in temporary classrooms this coming fall, and the high school must be rebuilt. Clearly that takes precedence over a new middle school.
2. The financing is problematical. Other school boards have engaged in "creative financing" and gone broke with disastrous consequence (remember Richmond). Albany's Measure A provides \$31.6 million, but that isn't enough money for both the high school and the middle school, and even that \$31.6 million is not all accessible now due to our bonded-indebtedness ceiling.
3. Thirty-seven Albany middle school teachers have signed a letter (March 13) urging the district "to stop and consider all options before taking another step in design or construction of school buildings" because the design is inadequate. I think we should listen to what they have to say.
4. Two major construction projects within two blocks of each other (the new middle school and the

high school) are too much for the neighborhood and for the city to have to bear all at once. The major impacts of the proposal will include elimination of a large portion of Memorial Park, our only substantial city park, for at least three years and maybe five years.

When I asked about this, a school board member replied that it would be "unacceptable" to postpone the new middle school. Well, what I think is "unacceptable" is pursuing a doubtful financial course just to get both projects going in a rush.

Bob Good
Albany

Strapping a great idea!

Editor:
Strapping all the water heaters in Albany by April 12 is a great idea.

Earthquakes will hit California and water heaters will topple and burn down neighborhoods. It's about time that we get ready.

I hope the EQPP program spreads to all our neighbors and to the entire state. We will all sleep better knowing we have cut the danger of fire significantly.

Elizabeth Bacon
Albany

Save Del Norte neighborhood

Editor:
The March 27 Journal had a notice of the April 3 meeting at the Northminster Presbyterian Church. This notice gives the impression that those most affected by the Del Norte project will be on hand to discuss this. Not true! Our neighborhood group "Save Del Norte" asked to be on the panel and has been refused. Two years ago, our group collected close to a thousand signatures opposing the size of the development. The project is even bigger now!

The city's General Plan designates El Cerrito to be "a city of homes" and states that "a key to obtaining developmental approval is to obtain the support of the local neighborhood." The four groups organizing the meeting are traditional city hall supporters. In their local chapters, they always go along with our council's grandiose plans, at best proposing cosmetic changes. Their goal is to give their blessing to a very flawed and misleading Environmental Impact Report.

Go to the meeting. Insist on being heard. Ask the presenters if they want to live next door to such a huge project. Ask them how or whether these projects will actually make money for our city. Remember, "vigilance is the eternal price of freedom" and only individuals can save their neighborhoods.

Rosemary Louoal
El Cerrito

Kids' health and safety first

(The Journal received a copy of this letter to the AUSD Board Members and the Albany City Council.)

Several years ago, the Albany community banded together and voted for a large bond issue to invest in the school district's facility needs. We understood at that time the expenditures of bond money would need further study to maximize the benefit for the children of Albany. What we have never understood is the systematic muddling, illogical thinking, and lack of real planning for the middle school project at Brighton and for the high school seismic retrofit/reconstruction.

We feel moved to speak out now about the appalling course of events surround current AUSD facility planning and decision-making because of our personal involvement on five levels: 1) as parents with a child at AMS and a second child at Marin Elementary, 2) as recognized professionals in the field of urban policy and real estate development, 3) as home owners in Albany since 1986 and currently residing in house located six houses (1/2 block) away from the Brighton Avenue AMS site, 4) as a member of a 1991/92 AUSD district-wide facility planning committee, and 5) as a very early Block Co-Captain (1993) for Albany's earthquake preparedness organization.

As parents, we believe that the first priority must be given to health and safety issues such as seismic retrofitting. We want our children to survive the next Big One where they are most likely to be — in the schools of Albany! As real estate development professionals, we know that the AUSD staff has behaved unprofessionally and irresponsibly by delaying full engineering studies of the most obvious candidate for retrofit, the AHS. We also

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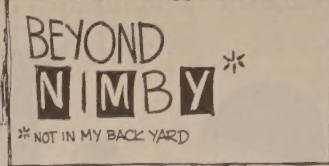
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*** NO...

Police Reports

Resident accuses police of poor drive

ALBANY — Just after midnight on March 31, Albany officers responded to reports of a possible auto burglary in process on the 1100 block of Washington Avenue. A resident had heard glass breaking in his garage and apparently frightened off the thief. Officers found that two cars had been broken into and a cellular phone had been stolen from one. They proceeded to search the area hoping to locate the thieves but with negative results. At about 12:30 a.m. on March 31 a resident on the 1100 block of Brighton called 911 to report a police car that was driving without lights and felt this was bad driving. He wanted to speak to the police chief about the poor driving habits of the officers. Dispatch explained that the officers were working on an auto burglary in the area. He said he would call back in the morning and talk with the chief.

On the evening of March 26 the owner of a rental house on the 900 block of Masonic Avenue requested an extra patrol because he believed that the evicted tenants would try to return. He said he would leave all the lights on and the shades up. At about 12:30 a.m. on March 27, Albany officers were checking the area when they noticed that the basement lights had been turned off. An investigation revealed the 23-year-old man, who had been evicted, and his girlfriend, a 15-year-old Albany girl, were staying in the basement. The man was found to have a no-bail warrant from Albany for petty theft. He was arrested for trespassing and for violation of a court-ordered eviction notice and held. The girl was found to have been

reported as a runaway on March 1 and was transported to Juvenile Hall.

About 1 a.m. on March 26, Albany officers stopped a car for a vehicle code violation and found a 22-year-old El Cerrito man who had an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$40,000 for felony possession of a concealed weapon. He was arrested and released when he posted bail.

On the afternoon of March 26, a resident on the 1400 block of Portland Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her home through a window and stole her laptop computer. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of March 27, a resident on the 800 block of Stannage reported that thieves had broken into her backyard and stolen her child's tractor. There were no witnesses.

At about 1:45 a.m. on March 29, a woman reported observing three black males, ages 16 to 18, smash the wing window of her '72 Chevy Nova while it was parked on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. Nothing was taken and the group was gone when officers arrived.

About 7:30 p.m. on March 29, officers responded to the Albany Bowl on reports of a minor who was attempting to purchase alcohol. Officers found a 16-year-old Berkeley girl attempting to buy beer using her sister's ID. She was arrested, cited and released to her parents with a notice to appear.

About 2 a.m. on March 30, Albany officers observed a car driving erratically while going north on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue and saw the driver throw a white shirt from the car. They stopped the

car and found a driver who was intoxicated. His blood alcohol level was .08/109. He was cited and released.

At about noon on March 30, a resident on the 700 block of Albany Avenue reported that a Gididi just broken into her garage and stolen her son's new bicycle. She heard a noise when she went onto the garage and was gone.

Shortly before March 30, Albany dispatched a call from a bar on the San Pablo Avenue reported that a person who was disturbed. Officers contacted the bar who was very intoxicated and indeed causing trouble. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and released.

On the morning of March 30, a resident on the 1000 block of Alta Avenue reported that the night thieves had broken into her car and stolen her car. She was not a witness. On March 31, a resident on the 1000 block of Talbot Avenue reported that during the night the thieves had broken into her car and stolen her car. She was not a witness. On March 31, a resident on the 1000 block of Talbot Avenue reported that during the night the thieves had broken into her car and stolen her car. She was not a witness.

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Albany firefighters responded to three medical emergencies.

Group home resident accused of sexual assault

EL CERRITO — A male resident of an El Cerrito group home was accused of forcing oral copulation by another male resident March 22. This is the second such group home incident reported in recent months.

An attack and robbery were reported on the BART path north of Eureka March 11. Two suspects confronted a man at about 8:25 p.m. The first hit him "numerous times" with a heavy pipe or stick. After taking cash, clothes and electronics from their victim, the two suspects escaped in a vehicle driven by a third.

The first suspect is described as a white male, 5'11" to 6' in height, 150 pounds, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt; the second is described as a white male, 5'10", 160 pounds, wearing a shiny yellow jacket with central zipper and black lettering on the back.

A Terrace Street resident was knocked to the ground when a man attacked her and took her purse in the 7400 block March 23. The suspect is described as a white male in his 20s, 5'10", 190 pounds, wearing a dark coat and pants. The incident occurred at 9:45 a.m.

Two suspects, no description given, attacked a Richmond youth at El Cerrito Plaza March 21, hitting him with their fists, knocking him to the ground and kicking him in the head and face. No theft was reported; the incident occurred at about 9 p.m.

An unidentified male suspect

fired two or three shots at a man sitting in his truck in a motel parking lot in the 6000 block of Potrero at about 8:20 a.m. March 19. The suspect is described as a white male, 28 to 30 years of age, 5'5" or 5'6" in height, with dark, medium length wavy hair and wearing a white T-shirt.

An assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 5800 block of Avila. An El Cerrito man was stabbed by another man sitting in a truck with him at about 10:10 a.m. March 24.

Eight arrests were made for driving under the influence: a Sacramento man at Central and San Pablo (2:40 a.m., March 23), an El Cerrito man at Central and Belmont (12:50 a.m., March 23), an El Cerrito man at San Pablo and Manila (3:03 a.m., March 13), an El Cerrito woman at San Pablo and Macdonald (3:38 a.m., March 22), an El Cerrito man at Central and Carlson (4:10 a.m., March 22), two Rodeo women at South 56th and Cypress (2 a.m., March 29), and two Richmond men at Potrero and Eastshore (12:30 a.m., March 26). In the latter case, the suspects were also charged with possession of methamphetamines.

A Richmond man was charged with possession of a dangerous weapon, a dagger, at 1:14 a.m. March 23 following a vehicle stop.

Someone pried open a residential shed in the 700 block of Pomona Avenue between March 14 and 17. Numerous tools were taken.

Landscape decorations were

taken from a residence on the 5900 block of Jordan Avenue 22 or 23.

Someone threw a projectile through a window in the 6900 block of Albany Avenue on the afternoon of March 16.

A 1986 Chevy Astro reported stolen from the west of San Pablo Avenue the daytime March 24.

A vehicle parked in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue was ransacked when a window was smashed on March 24. It was reported stolen.

An in-dash stereo was stolen from a vehicle parked east of Navellier at about March 24. The burglar entered through a window for entry. He was arrested by the victim's stereo was recovered.

In other burglaries, a stolen vehicle in the 1100 Elm Street on the morning of March 24. An unlocked vehicle in the 100 block of Wildwood Avenue 21 or 22. (Electronic items were taken.)

Miscellaneous items were taken from a pickup truck parked west of San Pablo during the time March 25. The items were taken from the truck's camp entry.

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City Briefs

EL CERRITO—There are still spaces left in El Cerrito's first annual construction workshop. The workshop is sponsored by the City of El Cerrito Building Department, in conjunction with the Planning Department and Engineering Division, and is open to all homeowners who are planning improvements to their properties.

The workshop will cover city requirements for improvements to existing structures, as well as additions and alterations, as well as construction of detached structures, decks, spas, retaining walls and fences. Participants will learn about building setback

requirements, permitted uses of accessory buildings and construction in public rights-of-way.

City staff members will present the workshop information; handouts and refreshments will be provided. Property owners and residents will have an opportunity to ask specific questions following the workshop.

Due to space limitation, the workshop is limited to the first 60 persons to register. Forty-nine participants had signed up by Tuesday. Call the building services division at 215-4360 to register.

Staff hopes to make the event an annual one if the workshop is successful.

Completed applications had been submitted to City Hall.

In her letter, Boblitt also called on the city council to relax its new three-minute time limit on speakers, to again allow interested citizens to remove items from the consent calendar for fuller discussion and to restore television coverage of council meetings.

She said these things needed to be done in order "to heal the chasm that now exists between the council and its substantial group of followers and the great 'silent majority' of El Cerrito who, for one reason or another, have become disenchanted with their city government."

Boblitt said later that the recommendations made in the letter were not the result of any official action by the Chamber of Commerce board. She said she agreed to sign the letter, which was drafted by Chamber director Sewall Glinternick, because she believes it reflects the many ideas and suggestions he has received.

Board passes assessment decision on to voters

By Dawn Frasier

KENSINGTON — Property-owning voters will be asked to re-certify an assessment levied for operations and maintenance of the still-to-be-constructed Kensington Park. The Kensington Community Service District board passed a resolution Tuesday night authorizing a mail-in ballot.

The assessment was passed by voters in 1994 but, like many taxes and assessments in effect in cities all over California, must be re-certified because of the passage of Proposition 218 last year. That new law limits the voting privilege on property assessments to those who actually own the property. (Residents renting their homes may not vote.)

Prop. 218 sets other requirements that are will entail extensive work for KCSO manager Jim Bray, district secretary Diana Jones and their computer.

A simple majority vote is needed to confirm the assessment, but "simple" doesn't describe the process that will be used to determine the 50-plus percentage.

"The ballots will be sent to property owners only," said Bray. "That means if someone lives in Maryland and never spends time in Kensington, we mail it to them there."

"Then, the votes are based on 50 percent of the value of the property, since the assessments are based on property value. If you have 100 properties paying a \$10 assessment, it's pretty straightforward. When you have three other properties paying \$15 and one paying \$18, you have to add those in, count up all the money, and make sure you have a 50 percent approving vote that represents the total."

The base assessment for single-family residences is \$10.08. Other properties, such as multi-unit dwellings, are assessed accordingly. Bray and Jones will use the engineer's

report to determine the value of each vote returned.

"Finally, everything goes into the computer to determine the exact count."

The assessment passed in 1994 with a supporting vote percentage in the high 70s. There are "roughly 2,200" property owners in Kensington.

Hearings are scheduled on the assessment May 6 and May 28. Though the ballots will actually be counted the 28th, votes can still be changed at the hearing.

According to Bray, only one hearing is required by Prop. 218. Because landscape and lighting assessments require two hearings, however, the KCSO will follow that pattern as a protection.

Ballots will be mailed this week or early next week. A mail ballot, which is allowed by Prop. 18, should represent a significant cost savings over a regular election.

Many cities are waiting for court

cases and legislative interpretation to determine what does and does not fall under the auspices of Prop. 218.

"Our bond counsel feels this assessment falls under the guidelines set by 218, and everything we've seen confirms that," said Bray, who has attended several seminars on Prop. 218 sponsored by the California Special District Association.

The assessment has already been collected twice. Monies raised have been used for weed abatement, clearing out dead trees and brush and other general clean-up of the land, though it's not yet an official "park." "When we took the property over from the (West Contra Costa Unified) School District, there hadn't been any maintenance done for years," Bray said. "There's a lot of clean-up to be done."

Voters approved monies for purchase of the Kensington Park property as a bond issue; that vote is not affected by Prop. 218.

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at Stokkink and AFAN's request to remove a \$700 fee requirement and to reclassify astrology and other such practices as "alternative counseling and consulting."

While regulation of fortune tellers might not have been the highest priority on the city's agenda at the time, the issue did spark some controversy when Police Chief Larry Murdo advised the council to retain the fingerprinting requirement. Murdo prophesied an ordinance without fingerprinting would lead to city residents being conned out of their money by fortune tellers claiming to be who they were not.

Fingerprinting would have occurred at the license applicant's leisure, and would take approximately five minutes, Murdo said. He said he wanted to verify applicants' identities, and justified the requirement by calling astrology a "business of trust" which leaves customers vulnerable to "bunco" schemes run by those under the guise of astrologers of seers.

Stokkink and members of

AFAN's Legal Committee objected to the recommendation, though, calling it an unreasonable use of the law. While the council voted 3-1 to strike the requirement on first reading, they reversed their decision the second time around, with Bob Good, Elizabeth Baker and former Councilmember Thelma Rubin voting in favor of fingerprinting and former Mayor Mike Brodsky and Bruce Mast opposed.

The issue also spawned a column by Journal columnist Phyllis Lyon, who was in favor of fingerprinting, as well as a pair of letters to the editor (one in favor, one opposed) and an appearance by Murdo and AFAN member Jay Jacobs on KPIX talk radio. At the council meetings, public opinion was divided: some audience members validated fingerprinting as "an attempt to separate the wheat from the chaff, the good from the bad," while others felt it was indeed a violation of civil rights.

New, the newly-aligned council will revisit the issue in April with one new twist: AFAN is holding the big stick of a lawsuit over

their heads. If the city does not revise the ordinance, the ensuing legal battle would "certainly" cost the city more than \$20,000, said City Attorney Robert Zweben, and could lead to Albany reimbursing AFAN for legal costs.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court last October, although the city was not informed of the move until February. It alleges the ordinance violates the First (the right to free speech), Fourth (the right to be secure against unreasonable search and seizure), Fifth (the right to life, liberty and property) and 14th amendments of the United States Constitution, as well as the state constitution, and that Stokkink and AFAN will suffer "irreparable injury" if the city is not restrained.

The suit asks that Albany be prevented from enforcing the fingerprinting requirement, from collecting the \$700 fee, and for legal expenses. It also asks the court to prohibit the taking of "mug shots," even though no such provision exists in the ordinance, and says residents can protect themselves from unscrupulous fortune tellers by asking for references or by seeking legal remedy after the fact.

Stokkink referred questions to her attorney, Donna Timmerman,

who said AFAN tried once to work the matter out without going to court. "We've already been through the voluntary, 'Let's work it out' route," Timmerman said. "Having tried and failed to work with the city, (AFAN) feels the only solution is to seek redress in the courts."

While it is not mentioned in the lawsuit, another issue is whether the city has the right to deny a fortune-telling license even if the applicant does have a criminal history. The ordinance, as is, states the city can deny a license to anyone convicted of "fraud or moral turpitude" within 10 years of applying. That provision would have been struck if the ordinance had been revised.

Citing a case in which a man convicted of selling obscene material was determined to have been illegally denied a license to run a bookstore, Timmerman said the same principles would apply in Albany, even more so in that fortune telling is not illegal. Timmerman also said the fingerprinting requirement was promoted by "some individuals who have biases and suspicions against these activities (astrology, etc.)."

"What concerns us is they don't

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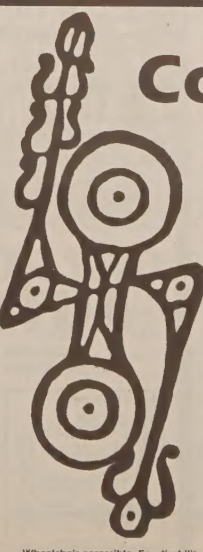
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BUSINESS
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by Laura Fischer

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Humanitarian finds her niche in nursing

Lily Mow smiled as she remembered: "One of my nursing students could never give an injection. Remembering how nervous I had been when I was a student, I said to her, 'Why don't you give it to me?'" Lily laughed. "She was so nervous she forgot to pull it out."

This is Lily Mow. Nurse, teacher, wife, mother — even cook book author. Now her great love is being a grandmother. Hers has been a life of learning, helping, teaching, loving. I have seen few people so completely satisfied with what they have done with their lives.

Born in Stockton, Lily was one of 10 children, five brothers and five sisters. Her father died when she was a teenager. He had put away enough money so that his children could go to college, but only two of them took advantage of that.

Lily was determined to pay her own way so at 17 she went into nursing. (At that time nurses were paid about \$12 a month plus room and board.)

Upon finishing nursing school, Lily worked in maternity for a year, and met and married Raymond Mow. They moved to the Bay Area so that Raymond, an architectural student, could attend Cal. They lived in an apartment for the first year, then moved to a cottage behind what is now the El Cerrito Plaza.

Their next move was to a house in Richmond where they lived until Raymond graduated. Finally, they moved to the house in El Cerrito where they still live and where they raised their two children, Alida and Lewis. Lily worked at the Albany Hospital for about two-and-a-half years, until her daughter, Alida, was born at Alta Bates. Lily was so impressed by Alta Bates that she applied, was hired, and started work in maternity.

Spring classes begin April 8 at El Cerrito Community Center

The City of El Cerrito Community Center is offering the following new classes for spring session. Cost per class is listed, however non-residents should add 15 percent. For more information or to sign up, please call Judie Bellotti at 215-4371.

- Coiled Basketry**
Tuesday, April 8, 7 - 9 p.m.
Fee: \$18
- Creative Memories Photo Scrap Book**
Tuesday, April 8 - 7 - 9 p.m.
Fee: \$15
- Mandala the Sacred Circle**
Thursday, April 10, 7 - 9 p.m.
Fee: \$30
- Aging Parents: Gathering External and Internal Resources**
Saturday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fee: \$10
- Mask Making**
Saturday, April 19 - 26, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fee: \$10
- Puppy/Dog Training**
Tuesday, April 1 - 29
Puppy Training 6 p.m.
Beginning Dog 7 p.m.

I have seen few people so completely satisfied with what they have done with their lives.

(Her son, Lewis, was also born at Alta Bates where Lily was put in charge of the hospital in the evenings. She was delighted when they asked her to be the Superintendent of Nursing which she did for three years.)

This bare outline cannot give Lily Mow's real history as a nurse. Her co-workers speak of her as warm, friendly, creative, efficient.

Around this time Lily decided to go back to school and go into teaching. She went to San Francisco State for her bachelors, and to UCSF for her masters. It was a busy time, working part-time and being a mother and wife, but she persisted and, she recalls, loved it all.

Her first teaching job was at the College of Marin. After a year at Highland Hospital as an Associate Director, she moved to Samuel Merritt College, which had just changed to a baccalaureate program. "It was lots of work," she says, but it was rewarding, and she continued teaching there for 12 years.

I have before me an article about Lily, citing all of her many accomplishments, and the programs she created. One, at Alta Bates, especially stands out for me. She enlisted experts to help implement a 'team nursing' workshop for the entire nursing

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



staff. She received an award for her work which read "People can accomplish anything together if there is no need to worry about who gets the credit."

When her husband, who worked at Lawrence Livermore Lab, was offered an attractive early retirement package (they were both in their 50s), he asked Lily, "Why don't you retire, too?" She did, and, "it has been wonderful."

Oh, and the cookbook! While Lily was teaching in the College of Marin, the Friedmans had opened a microwave oven store in Oakland and were offering cooking classes, which Lily attended with her sister.

At one point the teacher said, "The only thing you can't cook in a microwave is rice." "Oh, yes you can," said Lily. She and her sister were asked to give classes in Chinese cooking at the store and at the company's other locations. "It was so much fun," says Lily.

When Arthur Friedman suggested they mimeograph the recipes, the sisters replied, "We don't cook by recipe." "Then why don't you jot them down as you do them?"

Raymond later commented that

mimeographing was an unattractive way of presenting the recipes.

"Why don't you put them in a book form?" he suggested. The result was the book *the hong sisters microwave to the orient* (the lower case is theirs). Now in its fifth printing, the book has been a great success.

There was a time, too, when Lily went to China as a consultant, and spent two fascinating weeks there. Now she and Raymond are planning another trip to China.

There is so much more. She loves to talk about her children and particularly about her grandchildren.

It all adds up to a productive and happy life, and she is enjoying it fully. And isn't that true success?

Thank you, Trini Diaz, for suggesting Lily Mow to me. I really enjoyed meeting and getting to know her. And, as usual, I invite all of you to give me your suggestions: Interesting people, events, organizations, you know the rest. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., Albany 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com. And I access it every once in a while.



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Also included on the program is "Kensington Fanfare" by Lloyd Elliott, music director, and "Symphony No. 4 in E Minor" by Johannes Brahms.

Tickets are available at the door: \$8 general admission; \$6 seniors; children 12 and under are free.

Call 525-4796 for more information.

AAUW MEETING

The International Interests Group of the Richmond/El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will sponsor the April meeting of the AAUW.

Representatives of the International Institute of the East Bay will present "The East Bay's New Arrivals: The Dream and the Challenge."

The institute was founded in 1919 to serve refugees and immigrants in the Bay Area and to help them become more self-sufficient and productive members of the community. The institute serves more than 5,000 newcomers each year. Speakers will be Li Fang Chiang, coordi-

nator on demographics, comes Information House, and Anchorage program director of the Program.

The meeting is Wednesday, April 16, at the El Cerrito Masonic Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Admission is welcome.

Call Miriam Osherson for more information.

D.A.R. MEETS APRIL

The Berkeley Hills D.A.R. will meet Saturday at noon at the Community Center (formerly called the The Arlington, Kensington). Guest speaker will be who will talk about World War II - Navy mother of D.A.R. Regent Ann Sharp.

Cost for the luncheon: Ginger Ward at 525-850 reservation.

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
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Letters

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 there is simply not enough money to
 construct the high school and also build a
 ble school.
 some owners with significant equity invested
 property, we feel personally concerned with
 the out-standing reputation of AUSD
 we fully understand that our house would
 in value without this well-known community
 (it is why we moved here in the first place).
 formed facility planning committee member
 (and co-author of a 1992 report), we
 AMS needs more space, but we have
 believed (and recommended as committee
 at that time) that the present 16-acre site
 accommodate expansion.
 contrast, the Brighton Avenue site, at less than
 cannot begin to offer an adequate middle
 experience even if full funding were
 As it stands, the ridiculous middle school
 for a net loss of at least six classrooms
 to the current facility) plus multiple
 in all aspects of a quality school (no
 no air conditioning, no indoor lunch room,
 paved walkways, etc.).
 finally, as resident volunteers working to
 our community's response to a major
 we understand the enormous magnitude of
 that can occur, and know that preventative
 will save lives and tax dollars.
 All of these reasons, we strongly urge the
 School Board to adopt the following actions:
 immediate seismic retrofit/reconstruction
 (and any other existing facility that needs
) the absolute highest AUSD priority.
 all planning for new middle school
 at the Brighton Avenue site.
 some or all of portables needed to house
 during retrofit/reconstruction time
 Brighton Avenue site.
 immediate construction program at
 AMS site to expand/upgrade campus to
 into the 21st century.
 here using Brighton Avenue site for eventual
 elementary school (to accommodate reduced
 size/increased need for classroom space
).
 knowledge that this new Brighton site
 school would surplus McGregor and
 factor dollars that could be generated by
 those two sites once a new school is built
 overall building process.

We urge you to consider this action plan, because
 if other decisions are made, we are concerned that
 the quality of our School district will be irreparably
 damaged. As you must know, the parents of many
 current AMS students are seriously considering
 sending their soon-to-be high school students out of
 the District.

Many parents of elementary students feel that a
 new AMS at the Brighton site would be the death
 knell of the District after fifth grade due to severe
 drawbacks of the site and the "bare bones" nature of
 the planned facility.

And, many Albany residents feel that the next
 bond issue should not be passed, because this
 District has not demonstrated any rational behavior
 spending the dollars it has been given so far.

Janet Smith-Heimer, Principal
 Bay Area Economics
 Dr. Michael Smith-Heimer
 UC-Berkeley Department of City and Regional
 Planning
 Albany

Income taxes and redevelopment

Editor:

For many years the tax burden has been shifting
 to the bottom. Cities like El Cerrito have lost their
 fair share of federal and state income taxes. They
 have also lost the right to tax themselves, except for
 a two-thirds majority vote. They have been forced to
 cut programs and services and/or finance them
 through user fees. Volunteers have increasingly been
 drafted to help maintain parks, playgrounds, and
 buildings. We have even contributed to the
 development of suburbs!

No wonder, then, that Redevelopment and its
 boot-strap financing became attractive to hard-
 pressed budget balancers. And in El Cerrito they
 have produced many projects for and with us,
 including affordable, decent housing, mainly for the
 local elderly, at Hazel Shirley Manor, Del Norte,
 Civic Plaza; several mini-shopping centers; major
 retail stores in the northern end of town; the
 boulevard of San Pablo Avenue; and, now, the
 intensive study of the complex "ghost-town" -blight
 problem of the historic Plaza.

In my opinion, we owe our harassed City Council
 members a vote of thanks for their open, honest and
 persistent efforts to preserve our town's livability
 and economic viability.

At the next city election qualified candidates for
 office will surely have to voice their positive ideas
 for short and long term investment in our town's
 future. We want to and will be attractively different.
 (Let's also hear about tax reform and campaign
 financing.)

Art Schroeder

Private funding for Plaza

Editor:

Some recent letters that appeared in your Journal
 need a response. These all spoke — one way or
 another — in favor of the Plaza plan adopted by the
 City Council.

To my friend Art Schroeder, who favored the
 council's action over that of Milton Bilak, I say that
 I favor a plan that uses its own money instead of
 mine. Art, why do you want me and others to accept
 the decisions of the group that brought us the fiscal
 disasters of the Target store and Del Norte Place?
 Why do you want still more public debt to be
 incurred that we have no chance to vote on?

To Dan Freudenthal, who apparently does not
 care for anyone who disagrees with him or the
 council, it would appear that only those in
 agreement with him are "good, community-minded
 people." I urge him to cease his name-calling and
 engage in substantive discussion.

For Tom Fojut, who seems to blame Mr. Bilak for
 all the ills of the Plaza, I have several questions:

- Did Bilak cause the departure of the Woolworth
 store which paid him rent or was it market forces?
- Did Bilak cause Federated Stores to close the
 Emporium or was it market forces?
- Did these closures have any effect on other
 Plaza merchants?
- Why does Mr. Fojut favor a plan that will cost
 millions to subsidize a private venture, millions that
 can't then be used for essential city services, when
 Bilak's plan will cost us nothing?
- Why does Mr. Fojut favor a plan whose
 proponents cannot (will not?) tell us how much it
 will cost?
- What evidence does Mr. Fojut have which
 shows the tax revenue and property value increases
 he claims?
- For what basic purchases are we forced to travel
 long distances?
- If Mr. Fojut's prime interest is in a "defined city
 center, a restored creek, and a town square," why not
 propose a bond issue to fund these that we can vote

on?

If Messrs. Schroeder, Freudenthal and Fojut are
 so fond of the Plaza plan, I suggest that they seek
 private funding for it — which should be available if
 it is as great as they think. In the meantime, I
 suggest that they consider the old Italian proverb,
 "Public money is like holy water. Everyone helps
 himself to it."

George Amberg
 El Cerrito

Diatribes out-of-hand

Editor:

The past El Cerrito election, and subsequent
 actions of the Redevelopment Agency, should have
 generated some serious discussions of the role of
 city services and powers in maintaining and
 improving the quality of life in El Cerrito. What we
 have seen in The Journal reflects a different reality.

In the past couple of months, readers of The
 Journal have been treated with a series of diatribes
 and polemics which frequently have degenerated
 into crass, overwrought, and at times quite
 astonishing, personal attacks. The entertainment
 value palls pretty quickly. I recall a college history
 professor who, when class discussions turned into
 angry chaos, used to call out "steady!" to remind us
 that things were getting out of hand.

It might not be amiss for the editor to remember
 and exercise the traditional function on occasion in
 selecting items to print...

Perhaps if some of our local polemics would, for
 once, abdicate their desires to have the critical last
 word, they could resume discussion of the original
 issues.

What, for example, is a reasonable level of city
 services in El Cerrito? What will properly maintain a
 safe, convenient, attractive ambience, one that will
 keep residential property values up? What is the role
 of commercial activity in the overall picture? What
 is the real attitude of the Chamber of Commerce? To
 what extent do local business support efforts to
 maintain and improve the quality of life here — or,
 differently expressed, to what extent should local
 business have a claim on the loyalties and patronage
 of the residents of El Cerrito?

Should there be another assessment proposal on a
 future ballot, and if so, at what level? To what extent
 should the Redevelopment Agency even be
 involved? There seems to be pretty general

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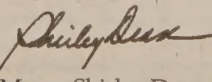


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Coliseum officials says talk of lifetime seat license premature

By Chris Treadway

With sales of Raiders Personal Seat Licenses at a virtual standstill, and large expenses looming for the city and county for stadium renovation and the football team's return, it's obvious some change will have to be made to Oakland's football marketing effort. Elected officials readily concede the point.

But the latest tempest in a teapot may simply show the disunity that has marked the football marketing effort from the beginning.

The new president of the Oakland Football Marketing Association would like to make seat licenses lifetime, rather than 10-year agreements as an incentive to potential buyers. But OFMA head Richard Rogers, who drew staunch criticism Thursday from the joint powers authority (JPA) that oversees Coliseum operations, says he isn't trying to make any unauthorized changes to the current marketing agreement.

Rogers' comments about the possibility of lifetime PSLs appeared in the Chronicle last Wednesday. On Thursday, JPA members were quick to react. In the column Rogers discussed the desire of ticket-holders for lifetime PSLs, saying, "I have to talk to the city and county before I do anything because we have to work out the economics of it, but I'm sure we'll be making some changes."

JPA officials were quick to react. County Supervisor Mary King said the OFMA was "making reports to the press in direct violation of the agreement" with the Raiders. "I would like to hear from Mr. Rogers what has empowered him to go to the press with changes in the marketing strategy."

Oakland City Councilmember

Ignacio De La Fuente agreed, saying the association's directive is to "stay with the original marketing agreement until there is a new agreement."

The city and county are sensitive to such changes because of last year's decision to put one-year-only season tickets on sale without requiring seat licenses. Many in the marketing effort believe the change, which originated with the Raiders, severely undermined the long-term sales effort which is being counted on to help fund stadium renovations. In addition, the second sale of seat licenses had been originally been counted on as a major source of revenue for the city and county.

Rogers said he understands the contractual obligation to live up to the current marketing agreement and said he won't alter that approach "until it is changed" by the city, county and the Raiders.

"I don't think I made the promise we would have lifetime PSLs," he said.

But Rogers says he has made an effort to talk with season ticket-holders and that "the people I'm talking to about PSLs say it's important that they be lifetime."

Rogers noted that the sales push hasn't "gotten to a complete sellout under the old marketing effort," but that any changes should be based on three factors:

- Protecting the financial interest of the city and county;
- Protecting the value of seat licenses for those holding them;
- Protecting the combined interest of the three "stakeholders": the city, county and Raiders.

"Obviously, they are three important criteria that are often going in three different directions," Rogers said, adding that research

is underway to determine exactly what the market wants and could bear.

Any changes to the marketing plan would require changes in the written agreement the city and county have with the Raiders. De La Fuente acknowledged that talks are being held with the Raiders on possible changes, saying, "It is an incentive to all of us to somehow restructure the deal, make it a more reasonable deal."

Lifetime seat licenses are just one option, he said, hinting at the possibility of making such an offer to current holders. "We have a commitment to take care of our present PSL-holders. How to do that is the question," he said.

Asked if there is the possibility of extending the lease length in conjunction with offering long-term licenses, De La Fuente responded that "everything is on the table at this point."

Rogers, who has not taken part in discussions with the team, said he has no intention of making any changes without the go-ahead of the JPA. "We haven't gotten a plan yet," he said. "We're just trying to identify the issues to be addressed."

Official or not, the notion of lifetime licenses is gathering attention now that discussion has

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From the Mayor's Desk

El Cerrito Mayor Norma

Celebrate Earth Day April 19 and help beautify community

El Cerrito has celebrated Earth Day for 27 years, thanks in large part to the dedication of one of our citizens, Nancy Gans. We planted a tree in her honor at the Community Center, and, last year, we recognized her for keeping Earth Day in our consciousness by adding her name, posthumously, to the El Cerrito Wall of Fame.

On Saturday, April 19, El Cerrito citizens will celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up our neighborhoods, creeks, parks, schools and streets. This is a wonderful community event where neighbors pitch in for a city-wide spring cleaning!

Some neighbors who have adopted their neighborhood park, use the day to accomplish a special project. Others adopt one of our parks for the day and join a group at one of 13 park work sites to spruce it up. Still others participate in cleanup at an El Cerrito school site.

Our creeks receive some special attention as creek lovers turn out to remove debris and otherwise put the health of the creeks back on track.

The Ohlone Greenway, our much-used hiking, biking and walking path that runs under the BART tracks from one end of

town to the other, benefits from scores of folks who gather in three sections of the Ohlone Greenway to spruce it up by painting out graffiti, picking up litter and otherwise improving the path for its many users.

Friends of El Cerrito Library gather to clean up around the library and other city facilities such as the Recycling Center, the Senior Center, the Civic Theater, City Hall and the Community Center/Swimming Pool all benefit from neighbors and friends who help make El Cerrito shine.

West El Cerrito neighbors gather to pitch in and both BART stations benefit from volunteers who donate their time and effort to trim, weed and clean up litter as their contribution to Earth Day in El Cerrito.

Work parties begin at 9 a.m. Each work site has a site coordinator to organize the work party. The site coordinator will have litter bags, but participants are asked to bring their own rake, broom, trimmers and other garden tools. The city and Chamber host a barbecue for Earth Day participants following the cleanup activities as a way to complete the celebration of Earth Day.

This is the third year that the City Council and the Chamber of



Mayor Norma

Commerce have celebrated Earth Day since 1970. Over 400 community members participated in the cleanup activities, helped by supplies such as garbage bags, food, and cash. Sanitary provided the debris at each site. This is a fun way to make a difference in our community for Earth Day, and to select a join, please call us at 4371. I look forward to you on Saturday, April

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Shira Kammen and Margriet Tindemans perform in "A Musical Pilgrimage" on April 12.

On a musical pilgrimage

The Hausmusik concert series presents "A Musical Pilgrimage," medieval instrumental and vocal music of the travelling minstrels. Margriet Tindemans and Shira Kammen will perform vielle, medieval lute, gittern and voice Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Avenue, Albany. Admission is \$16 general; \$13 students and seniors. Advance reservations recommended. Call 524-5661 for tickets and information.

Raiders

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public. One observer who thought the idea is state employee Don Perata,

who worked on the marketing effort last year before leaving in frustration.

Perata said he would also like to see partial ticket packages made available, as well as focusing more on untapped prospects in Contra

Costa County. "I don't think the club concept is going to work in its current form," he said, suggesting that club privileges be made available to buyers of lifetime licenses or ticket-holders paying extra dues for club access.

Back injury prompts quest for health and happiness

New member

A graduate of Life Chiropractic College in Marietta, Georgia, in 1981, Dr. Linda Berry (Paradise Chiropractic, 1700 Solano Ave.) became interested in chiropractic due to a back injury resulting in paralysis.

Having graduated with honors from State University of New York at Binghamton as a theater dance major, Berry performed, taught and choreographed with the American Dance Asylum.

"My experience with medicine was not positive so I wanted to offer people an alternative which would support their health while listening to understand instead of dictating treatment without knowing the person," Berry said. "Formerly helped by a chiropractor as a dancer, I have a passion for recommending natural therapies; chiropractic was a perfect fit for me and something much needed by the public."

Berry chose Albany for her business site because she liked the climate, food and consciousness of Solano Avenue with its wide variety of business options. This was 17 years ago.

The office offers full spectrum health care including gentle chiropractic full body treatments. Berry sees her role as inspirational and educational, providing non-drug and nonsurgical solutions to health problems. She helps people

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Albany Chamber of Commerce
By Fern Luoma



New Chamber member Dr. Linda Berry owns and operates Paradise Chiropractic at 1700 Solano Avenue.

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There was one restaurant opening in Montclair this week, with another coming next week, and yet another opened on the Oakland-Berkeley line. The anticipated *Il Porcellino*, in the old Ice House, opened Tuesday. Porcellino's menu leans toward Venezia. A perusal of the opening menu: *pere*, Chianti-braised pears with walnuts and gorgonzola (\$5.75), *borsette*, carpaccio purses with celery, arugula and truffle oil (\$6.50), *orecchiette rustica*, pasta ears with potatoes and fontina (\$8.50), and *rollatina di maile*, roasted pork rolled with spinach, pine-nuts, and feta (\$12.75). The highest-priced entree is \$13.25, the wine list, with 24 selections, leans toward Italy, and is promising with prices ranging from \$18-\$50. *Il Porcellino* looks promising as well...

Wrap Works, hopefully not just another burrito joint, is supposed to be opening April 8, but a walk past the space — between Noah's and Peets — reveals optimism. It was a mere shell then, but perhaps they can get it done...

A new restaurant has opened at the Claremont Hotel, called *Jordan's*. Don't know anything about it, but Maven sure we'll be dishing on this one...Speaking of Italian restaurants, if you haven't checked out *Trattoria di Siciliana* yet in the Elmwood, it may be too late. The lines have begun to form outside this little spot, which is the closest thing we have to a New York Sicilian joint since *Cafe Sport*. The family's matriarch does most of the cooking here, the service is fun and knowledgeable, and the food very good, but not yet great. Wine list needs guzzling up...

Add Italian restaurants: *Oliveto* over in Market Hall, has been named one of the Top 10 Italian restaurants in America by *The Wine Spectator*. Dish can't believe that Oliveto deserves accolades that grandiose, but it's awfully good and hitting its stride since Paul Bertolli took over...

Add restaurant opening: A tapas place, *Lucio's* has opened on Telegraph where Casa de Eva used to be near Stuart. Paul Carrara, of the defunct *Carrara's Cafe* in Emeryville is behind this one. Now if they'd only open a Spanish *cevrecera*, we'd be in business...

Had any sharks fin soup lately? Neither has The Maven. You think you paid more than a fin a spoonful for the stuff before, just wait 'til you see the prices when they find those thieves that got away with \$12,000 worth of shark fins from a North Beach warehouse. The cops think it's an organized gang who are the finagans. Out on the street they're now going, "Hey buddy, want some fins?"...

It's Japanese wars on the streets of Rockridge. There are four Japanese restaurants now: *Isobune*, which specializes in sushi-by-boat, *Kobocha*, which features sake (try it chilled, please), *Uzen*, which offers minimalism, and *Tachibana*, which has a lot of fun with its grill. The Maven says the latter restaurant is the best, but not for the grill. Try the sushi, it's the best...

The *Bistro at Solano Cellars* in Berkeley is offering a la carte Italian menus to pair with eight of its wines. For instance this week, garlic soup (\$4.50), smoked salmon with celery root remoulade (\$7.50), and roast sea bass with white bean ragout (\$12) are featured, along with Solano's new California wines from the tasting bar...

Here's this week's menu at the venerable Walker's Pie Shop: (Thursday-Wednesday, all dishes in the \$13-14 range) roast lamb, salmon with black bean salsa, short ribs with lemon-caper sauce, Yankee pot roast (the Yanks are in town), chicken bolognese (chicken with meat sauce?), and pork marengo (cha cha cha)...

Finally, check out the Taste of Diablo, a benefit for the hotel and restaurant management program at Diablo Valley College. The students get to pair their food with 40 wineries, many from the Livermore Valley. Tix are \$35. Call 685-1230, X-555...

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Arts & Letters

Leonard Pitt returns to theater

By Carol Egan

After many years working on various projects, Leonard Pitt has decided to return to the theatre. His new show, "Seduction," opens a five-week run at A Traveling Jewish Theatre's performance space in Project Artaud this week.

Teaming up with his long-time friend and fellow-Berkeleyan, Ruth Zaporah, Pitt describes Seduction as "a piece about a man and a woman in a train station in an abandoned town, waiting for a train that never comes." Jilted by their lovers, they meet and things begin to happen.

The entire work is performed through movement and vocal sounds alone. Both highly trained in physical disciplines (Zaporah's background is dance), the performers convey through gesture and sound a complex range of human emotions. The play is directed by Rinde Eckert assisted by Consulting Director, Jim Cave.

Moving from project to project is nothing new to Pitt for whom life has offered a series of momentous "aha!" experiences. Originally from Detroit, Pitt pursued studies in graphic design and advertising, attending The Art Center School in Los Angeles. While studying there he began taking classes in

mime as a hobby.

After graduation he returned to Detroit to join one of the country's largest advertising agencies. "Once I got a job in a big ad agency I saw how awful it was," he says with a hint of bitterness. "One of the phrases that has been ringing in my mind ever since was one of those account executives who said to me, 'Pitt, don't forget, babies are markets. Just don't forget that!'"

He stayed with the job only a year and a half, unable to abide the values that were being promoted. "It was 1961 and '62 and alternative ways of seeing the world were not quite as rich. Mainstream American values — that's what I was into. I hadn't yet seen around the corner into that big world."

While vacationing in New York where a colleague had told him the famed mime, Etienne Decroux (Marcel Marceau's teacher) was conducting classes, Pitt "hunted down Decroux and studied with him for two weeks in a tiny apartment in midtown Manhattan. He had been in America for five years — which I didn't know — and he was leaving in two weeks."

Shortly thereafter Pitt resigned his job, sailing

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East Bay Events



'The Silence', photographs by Gilles Peress, will be shown at the UC Berkeley School of Journalism beginning April 10.

Inaugural event at Center for Photography

The newly funded Center for Photography at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism will hold an opening reception April 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. featuring "The Silence," photographs by Gilles Peress. Judge Richard Goldstone, former chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, will be honored as well.

The school's Center for Photography will feature a new sequence of classes in photojournalism, bringing prominent photojournalists to lecture at Berkeley, and a new gallery. Peress work is appearing in conjunction with a conference on Reporting from the Killing Fields: Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War. Peress will also speak on a panel of journalists looking at reporting on Rwandan genocide in 1994, moderated by Stan Sesser, which will be held at UC Berkeley's Sibley Auditorium in the Bechtel Engineering Building on Friday, April 11, 3:30 — 5:30 p.m.

Eggster Hunt and Learning Festival

Bay Area children and their families are invited to an onday carnival on the UC Berkeley campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Eggster Hunt and Learning Festival, featuring learning activities, cultural appreciation, arts and crafts, food, games, entertainment and egg hunts. Donations raised at the free event will benefit seven Bay Area children's agencies.

Student organizers of the event, members of the UC Berkeley Alumni Scholar's Club, created the event three years ago to expose Bay Area children to UC Berkeley in a creative and fun way. Last year's event raised over \$30,000 for local children's agencies. For more information call 848-5283.

It's a 'Culinary Caper'

Soroptimist International of Richmond will host "A Taste for All Seasons, A Culinary Caper" on Saturday, April 20 at Party Time Catering, Rockefeller Lodge, 2650 Market Ave., San Pablo. Prominent chefs from 12 Bay Area restaurants will serve appetizers, entrees and desserts and noted vintners will showcase their wines.

This year's goal is to raise \$9,000 to divide between the following agencies: Los Centzontles Mexican Arts Center; Salvation Army — Richmond Corps; West County Public Education Fund; Richmond Museum; The Richmond Art Center; The Literacy for Every Adult Program; Re-entry and Youth Scholarship Awards.

Reservations must be made by April 5 and tickets will be held at the door. For information and reservations call 237-2355.

Thirty-five years of disability rights

The Berkeley Historical Society is holding a museum reception on Sunday, April 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 1931 Center St. for "Berkeley Leads: Thirty-Five Years of Disability Rights." The exhibit runs through Oct. 11 and celebrates Berkeley's pioneering influence on California, the United States and the world, tracing the movements roots with the University of California Cowell Hospital Program, the creation of the Center for Independent Living, the development of support organizations and the move for greater accessibility. Call 848-0181 for more information.

Cal Performances features pianist

Pianist András Schiff will perform an all-Schumann program at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6, in Hertz Hall. The Hungarian-born musician will perform *Papillons*, Opus 2; *Nachtstücke*, Opus 23; *Gesänge der Frühe für Piano*, Opus 133; *Kreisleriana*, Opus 16; and *Variations in E-flat major*. Tickets are \$32, available at the Cal Performance Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall or through BASS ticket outlets. Half-price tickets are available to students, UC faculty and staff and seniors.

'Barbed Wire Surgeon' lives up to idea

'Memoirs of a Barbed Wire Surgeon,' by Elmer Shabart, M.D. (Regent Press, 180 pages, \$10.)

By Barbara L. Sloane

In the concluding chapter of his memoir, Dr. Elmer Shabart poses a question to his readers. "Do you think I lived up to the purpose in life presented in the anonymous poem at the beginning?" The poem to which he refers ends with these lines:

*I had the thrill of the task,
The joy of the battle and strife
Of being of use, and I ask
no greater reward from this life.*

*Better than fame or applause
is striving to further such a cause.*

After reading *Memoirs of a Barbed Wire Surgeon*, there is only one answer to Dr. Shabart's question — a resounding "Yes."

This remarkable book is the story of the years a young doctor

spent during World War II as a prisoner of the Japanese. For four years he performed his medical responsibilities under impossible conditions.

In 1940 Dr. Shabart was beginning his medical career as a young surgeon, practicing in Milwaukee.

During the Bataan Death March, Dr. Shabart performed an appendectomy using pieces of glass as operating knives.

Responding to frequent entreaties from the military to serve one year, he joined the army in December 1940. To his surprise, he would soon learn that his service was not to be just one year.

He and seven colleagues were given a choice of serving either in the Philippine Islands or Iceland.

Dr. Shabart was one who picked the Philippines because "we felt we would be on the other side of the world from where the war with Germany was taking place."

The sweep of history soon overtook Dr. Shabart when he arrived in the Philippines only four months

glass as operating knives. Of brown sewing needles and no anesthetics, Shabart and his friend succeeded in performing a gangrenous appendectomy. The patient was doing well, but he was on the Death March.

When the march ended, many were done along the way, and were in dire need of medicine. However, Dr. Shabart had medicines, no instruments, and a helpless patient.

The doctor was taken to one of the former camps on Luzon. He had been turned into a Japanese prisoner of war camp, and the daily ration consisted of a ball of rice and a little curry. A POW hospital was established, and Dr. Shabart, Ka

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Dennis Farina and Bette Midler star in 'That Old Feeling.'

'That Old Feeling' is full of good old fun

By Renata Polt

Keith [Jamie Denton], an aspiring politician running for Congress on a "family values" platform, has booked the church and planned the reception even before Molly [Paula Marshall], his virginal grad-student girlfriend, has said "yes." Oh oh.

Molly would prefer to elope, since the prospect of a big wedding that would reunite her volatile, long-divorced parents, actress Lilly and novelist Dan [Bette Midler and Dennis Farina], gives her the heebie-jeebies. "My parents hate each other with a nuclear capability," Molly moans. Double oh oh.

If you sniff a bag full of milky clichés in all this, you're not far from wrong. Trot out all the dramatic chestnuts about divorced couples still in love with each other [think Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, for instance]; young couples whose marriages start to unravel before the champagne has lost its fizz [*The Graduate*, for one]; and flashy, aging actresses desperately hanging on to their looks [try and count 'em], and you have an idea of what *That Old Feeling*, directed by Carl Reiner, is like. *Old feeling* is right.

However, that's only half the story. The other half is,

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'Bubbling Brown Sugar' back by popular demand

Bubbling Brown Sugar, Black Repertory Theatre through Saturday, April 5, 3201 Adeline Street, Berkeley, 652-2120

By Wanda Sabir

This is your last week to catch Loftin Mitchell's "Bubbling Brown Sugar," nominated for a Tony Award in 1976 and recipient of London's Best Musical of the Year Award in 1977. You don't have to leave the Bay Area or the country to see a revival of this fabulous musical revue.

If you missed the premiere at the Black Rep in '96, then run, don't walk, to see the show before it closes Saturday, April 5.

"Bubbling Brown Sugar" highlights Harlem's golden years with song and dance. The fabulous live band, featuring Ramone Bowden on piano, Lanier Pruitt on guitar, Craig Browning on keyboards, and Steve Johnson on drums, accompany the talented singers and actors as they dance the audience through one heck of a ride from Harlem 1960 back to Harlem 1920.

New York of the '20s was a place of prohibition, racial discrimination, joblessness, and the beginnings of the Depression, especially if you were poor and black. "Bubbling Brown Sugar" shows how the gospel, and blues rhythms with a little jazz, cheered many a weary soul.

Wanda Kinsey's singing, coupled with her vocal talent, Geri Williams, Haneefah Hassan, and 13-year-old Brian, the production at a non-tapping pace. Add in the marvelous hoofing of Black Rep favorites Alvin and George Ashworth, and you got a great show.

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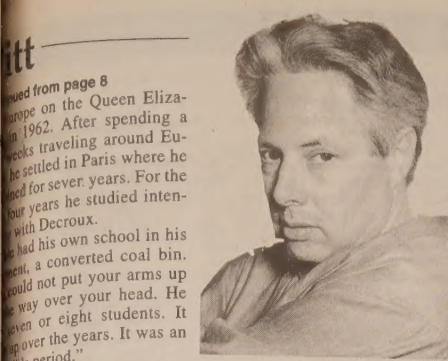
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and Gracie Munoz's signed "Bubbling Brown Sugar" set, takes the audience into Harlem's finest night the Savoy, The Cotton Club, and Small's Paradise.

I wasn't sure if it was costumes, enthusiastic audience, or inter-generational audience that made the show such a overwhelming success last afternoon, nonetheless, see why "Bubbling Brown Sugar" was back by popular demand.

During its successful

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Leonard Pitt

"I came back with a whole collection of Balinese masks, and just changed the course of my work which went from the abstract to the much more concrete expression." The experience of his work in Bali opened up for him new possibilities, particularly in the development of character and in the realm of comedy. He resumed teaching in his studio, adding mask and character work to his syllabus. The school continued until 1984.

In the dozen years, Pitt has undertaken numerous major projects. In 1977 he began a collaboration with George Coates with the production of "2019 Blake." The collaborative process continued in 1981 with the co-creation of George Coates Performance Works. Productions such as "Meantime," "The Way of How," and "arc/arc"

"When I came out my head was spinning, my brain was completely bent into a new shape, and it was an experience that changed my life. Everyone should have at least one artistic experience that has that kind of powerful impact."

—LEONARD PITT

followed.

A decade ago Pitt was one of the founders of Life on the Water (now The Bayfront Theatre) at Fort Mason. During that same period he began an intense project involving rappers and ecology. Called "Eco-Rap" it involved taking young rappers on toxic tours of the Bay Area. Contests were then held to discover the best raps inspired by these tours. Pitt and his co-director, Michael Fried, eventually turned "Eco-Rap" over to one of its original participants.

As if all of this weren't enough, Pitt, a self-confessed "closet academic," is writing a book (with Iain Boal) based on the 17th century Anglo-Irish healer, Valentine Greatrakes. He occasionally performs a monologue on that subject ("Stalking the Irish Stroker") as well as slide/lectures on Paris and its urban transformation, the history of European witch-hunts, and the history of the body as viewed through the development of Western theatrical and social dance.

Perhaps Leonard Pitt's greatest undertaking to date, however, is his new role of father. In 1993 he brought his 9-year-old nephew to Berkeley to live with him. Last August he formally adopted him. He views this as his most significant and challenging project to date.

"Seduction" opens a five-week run at A Traveling Jewish Theatre located at 2800 Mariposa Street in San Francisco. For information and tickets call (415) 399-1809.

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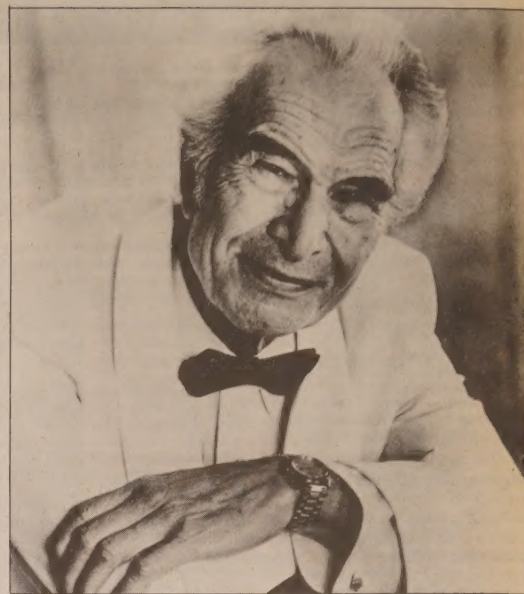
The Pacific Mozart Ensemble will give the first Northern California performances of Dave Brubeck's *The Gates of Justice* for chorus, tenor, bass baritone, brass, percussion and jazz trio at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 11 at Berkeley's First Congregational Church. The concert will also feature Paul Hindemith's *Apparebit Repentina Dies* for chorus and brass ensemble, led by Pacific Mozart Ensemble Director Richard Grant; and Brubeck and his Trio will perform a selection of their favorite works.

On Sunday, April 13 from 5 to 7 p.m., choral and jazz devotees are invited to "Meet Dave Brubeck" at a private cocktail reception in Berkeley. A benefit for the Pacific Mozart Ensemble, tickets for the event are \$150, and are available by advance reservation by calling the Pacific Mozart Ensemble at 528-2959.

Also on Friday, April 11, Dave Brubeck will receive the "Cyril Magnin Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts," presented by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce's Business Arts Council.

Dave Brubeck's *The Gates of Justice* was written in 1969 in response to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s portentous edict "If we don't live together as brothers, we will die together as fools" (text which is quoted in the work).

"Concentrating on the historic and spiritual parallels of the Jew and the African American, I hoped through the juxtaposition and amalgamation of a variety of musical styles to construct a bridge upon which the universal theme of brotherhood could be communicated. The soloists are composite characters: a cantorial tenor,



Composer David Brubeck will receive the "Cyril Magnin Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts."

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Feeling

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That Old Feeling, familiarly goofy though it may be, is also heaps of fun. What movie starring Bette Midler isn't? And, though in the big picture, the film doesn't show us anything we haven't seen before — and done better — in its details it's filled with crack-up lines and choice moments [the writing is by Leslie Dixon, who also wrote *Mrs. Doubtfire*].

Here's Lilly trying to talk Molly out of marrying young: "Don't you know what your 20s are for? Having sex with all the wrong people."

Here's Lilly's second husband

Alan [David Rasche], a Dr. Feelgood therapist in neo-Nehru jackets: "Sometimes the inner child just says, 'Change me'."

None of the characters has much more than one dimension — the fatuous shrink, the predatory [female] decorator whose main restoration project is herself, the successful, vain writer, and the scuzzy paparazzo. Most believable is Molly, the young bride who feels lucky that someone as "sane" as her new husband Keith has rescued her from her nutty family. [We're not shown Keith's family, but we can deduce what uptight bigots they must be.]

Joey, the paparazzo [Danny Nucci], also has at least two sides to him, one of which emerges when Molly does a makeover on him — a gender switch on the "let's see what you look like without your glasses and with your hair down" scene.

Among the pleasures of *That Old Feeling* is, as you might imagine from the title, a clutch of wonderful old ballads by the likes of Cole Porter, Rogers and Hart, and Harry Warren. Midler sings "Somewhere along the Way," and you want to yell, "Encore!" Of course there's more than a wee bit of Woody Allen in the use of the

music, not to mention the upscale Manhattan settings, but how can you do upscale Manhattan settings without evoking Woody Allen? There's even a choking-on-the-ring bit straight out of *Everyone Says I Love You*, but let's assume for charity's sake that the two films were made simultaneously.

That Old Feeling, a lighthearted comedy about infidelity, bad behavior, and happiness, is a perfect movie for a night when you just want to kick back and have a good old time at the movies, sans shootouts, criminals, car chases — or even much sex!

It opens April 4.

Sugar

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year, award-winning playwright Michael attended the production. He was so impressed that he is currently trying to revive the show on Broadway, and plans to use some of the Black Rep cast!

The setting is 1960, when we see Diva Irene Paige [actress Geri Whitmore] standing on a Harlem street corner, surrounded by admirers. As she revels them with tales of her overseas exploits, former lover, John Sage [actor George Ashworth] passes by, luging a heavy trunk.

Sage and showbiz friend, Checkers, [actor Sean Vaughn Scott] travel down memory lane as the kids and others try on their old show biz costumes. Two of

the young people, Ella [actress Wanda Kinsey] and Jim, [actor Demian Green] are intrigued and agree to accompany Sage and Checkers when invited on a tour of Harlem past, a place both men remembered with love.

First stop on the tour is a white club that refuses to serve "Negroes" until singer Judy Cantrell [actress Connie Fogarty-Thompson] and her escort, Charlie,

[actor James W. Claravino] insist. The time travelers quickly leave that club for

the more relaxed and hospitable Harlem speak-easies, trailed by Judy and Charlie. Charlie is dubbed "tour sponsor" and generously pays Checkers and Sage a

nice sum to let him and Judy tag along.

Claravino's Charlie is extremely funny as he discovers how those "...with color in their lives" live. Prior to that evening, rich boy Charlie hadn't known anyone who had to pay rent, or work for a living. This perspective quickly broadens as the Checkers-Sage tour commences, culminating with Charlie's slap-stick, yet moving, "Harlem Makes You Feel."

Loften Mitchell's "Bubbling Brown Sugar" captures the energy and spirit of an early black American community, Harlem, New York. There are a lot of similarities between Harlem and West Oakland, Harlem and South Berkeley, Harlem and San

Francisco's Western Addition. Perhaps this is why both young and old enjoy this play so much.

"Bubbling Brown Sugar" shows us men and women who find hope in "White Lightning" and the smooth and mellow blues. Songs like "Satin Doll," "This Joint is Jumpin'," "Stormy Monday," "Honey Suckle Rose," "Take the A Train," "Jim Jam Jumpin' Jive," and "God Bless the Child."

"Bubbling Brown Sugar," at the Black Repertory Group Theatre, 3201 Adeline, across from the Ashby BART station, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 p.m., Saturday 2:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3-\$100. Call 652-2120 for more information.

Shabart

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With no proper equipment, decided to manage somehow to function as a doctor again.

Many of the doctor's accounts of medical procedures performed under the most primitive conditions are hair-raising. Amputations took place without benefit of drugs. While being transported by ship to Korea, Shabart had to set a soldier's broken arm with pieces of a fruit box.

In November 1942, after being paraded through the streets of

Fusan (later to be Pusan), Korea, Dr. Shabart and approximately 1,000 American prisoners were taken to a POW camp in Mukden, Manchuria. Here he would wait out the war. To his amazement, however, he was given a 30-bed ward in the Imperial Army Hospital in Mukden for treatment of the most seriously ill soldiers.

The doctor himself marvels that as many men survived as did.

"No matter what the procedure, we had no blood for transfusions, no intravenous fluids, no antibiot-

ics, bandages or rubber gloves. Sterile gowns or drapes were not available."

Dr. Shabart recounts many of the harrowing experiences and miracles of those years. Not the least of those miracles is that he survived to tell his story 50 years later. In the intervening years, he continued the practice of medicine, becoming a certified specialist in both general and thoracic surgery. He became chief of surgical services at the VA Hospital in Livermore and spent many years training residents in surgery. Thought still involved in numerous medical organizations, Dr. Shabart has retired from active

practice.

His story is an amazing one of heroic deeds performed under the most dangerous circumstances. Some of the mysterious events that occurred during his concentration camp period are never fully explained, perhaps because dealing with an enemy is seldom easy and straightforward. Yet the reader is left with questions that more careful editing might have clarified.

However, the final impression is of a life lived fully and with dedication to the Hippocratic oath. The "barbed wire surgeon" tells his story with modesty and gratitude for being spared to serve others.

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Classes

Apr. 4
Basics of Adobe Photoshop: 6-10 pm; Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley; \$96 for three weeks; 841-8860 ext. 256

Apr. 7
Spring Cooking at Albany Adult School: Spring quarter begins today; Albany Adult School, 655 Key Route Blvd., Albany; 559-6580

Apr. 19
I Can Cope: noon-2 pm through May 19; for persons living with cancer, their families and friends; Regional Cancer Center at Brookside Hospital, 2000 Vale Rd., San Pablo; free; 235-7006 ext. 2874

Apr. 9
Art On Site: 1-3 pm; classes begin today; 8-week slide-lecture and field trip series to museums, galleries and exhibitions; Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut, near Rose and Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-0731

Community Events

Apr. 3
Thailand, Pt. 2: 11 am; slides by Ruth and Herb Wellemeyer; potluck lunch; Kensington 55+ Senior Center, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146

Blood Pressure Check: 9-11 am; Kensington 55+ Senior Center, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146

Noon Meals: for the potluck on Apr. 3; busing dish for 3-4 people or donate \$2.50; all other Thurs., lunch is available for \$1.50; 526-9146

Apr. 4
Bolivian Textile Auction and Latin American Cultural Festival: 7-10 pm; a benefit for The Committee in Defense of the Migrant Quechuas, La Paz, Bolivia; Berkeley fellowship of the Unitar-

ian Universalists Hall, 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley; 841-9432

Berkeley Gray Panthers: 10:30 am; Peace and Justice Committee meeting; 1325 Grant St., Berkeley; 527-3790

Apr. 5
Last Day to Reserve at "Culinary Capers": call 237-2355 for reservations and info; the \$25 San Pablo event will benefit the arts, and youth and adult education

Plant Sale and Garden Fair: 10 am-3 pm; benefit for youth gardening in Berkeley; donate, sell, exhibit; 2855 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; 845-0200

Apr. 6
Paths and Walkways of North Berkeley: 4.5-5 miles; limited to 20; call leader Ruby at 658-4630

Apr. 7
Berkeley Gray Panthers: 10:30 am; Transportation Committee meeting; 1325 Grant St., Berkeley; 527-3790

Apr. 8
Berkeley Gray Panthers: 12:30 pm; Health Committee meeting; 1325 Grant St., Berkeley; 527-3790

Berkeley Gray Panthers: 2 pm; Board Committee meeting; 1325 Grant St., Berkeley; 527-3790

Apr. 9
Information Night for the East Bay School for Girls: 6:30 pm; first school for girls since 1974; Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave., Oakland; 547-8227

Exhibits
Apr. 3
Raining Frogs and Other Natural Wonders: drawings and paintings by Barbara Hazard; Berkeley Store Gallery, 2226 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; through May 4; 649-0272

Apr. 5
Drawings and Watercolors from the

British Council Collection: Vorticism, Constructivism, Abstraction, Neo-Romanticism, and Pop Art; Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive, 2635 Durant Ave., Berkeley; through June 22; 642-0808

Apr. 6
Berkeley Leads: Thirty-Five Years of Disability Rights: 3-5 pm reception; Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1931 Center St. (2 blks. from BART), Berkeley; through Oct. 11; 848-0181

Ongoing
When Artists Become Workers: The People's Art Movement of the 30's and 40's: extended through May; Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950

Lectures and Workshops

Apr. 3
Italian Renaissance Drama: 7:30 pm; Prof. Louise Clubb, UC Italian Studies; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; \$15; 848-6370

Spring Break Entertainment Assembly: 1 pm; The Dangerous Dinos, Randy and Tindy the Raccoons, Timber the Country Wolf, and Grandma and Grandpa Bunny; Longfellow School Auditorium, 1500 Derby St., Berkeley; \$2; 644-4527

African Dance and Music Workshop: 3-4 pm; through May 8; Rockridge Branch Library Community Meeting Room, 5366 College Ave., Oakland; free; 597-5016

Bicycle Maintenance 101: 7 pm; Rich Davies will show you the basics; leave bike at home; REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 527-4140

Smoking Cessation for Seniors: 10 am; NMLK Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way; 644-6107

Apr. 4
Enhance Image Editing Skills with

an Introduction to Adobe Photoshop: 5-9 pm; Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley; \$96; Apr. 4, 11, & 18; Mildred Stewart; 841-8860

City Commons Club: 12:30 pm; Dr. Mike Reynolds; The Heavens from the Chabot Observatory - Slide Show; Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley; 848-3533

Apr. 5
Designing for the World Wide Web: 1-5 pm; Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley; \$96; Apr. 5, 12 & 19; Mildred Stewart; 841-8860

International Tour Directing: 8:30 am-5 pm; classes held at 126 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley; enroll at Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley; \$96; 841-8860 ext. 213

1997 Eggster Hunt and Learning Festival: 10 am-2 pm; one-day carnival; UC Berkeley campus; no charge but donations will go to seven Bay Area children's agencies; 848-5283

Mad River You Can Canoe! Day Aquatic Park in Berkeley: 10 am-3 pm; try out different models of Mad River canoes; look for the REI van at Bancroft Way near Seabird Sailing Center; 527-4140

International Risk Management: 8:30 am-5:30 pm; insurance, export strategy, licensing, regulations; Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley; \$6.50 for CA residents; series runs through Apr. 26; 841-8860 ext. 261

Apr. 6
The Way It Was - Stories of the New Deal Era: 2 pm; panel discussion on the New Deal period; St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; 549-6950

Apr. 8
A Career in Public Health and Grants Management: noon; speaker Patricia Yano; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; \$3; 848-6370

Assess Your Interests Using the COPS Inventory: 4 pm; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; \$510 members, \$15 non-members; 848-6370

Job Hunt Orientation: 1:30 pm; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370

Apr. 9
Gardening for City Kids: 3 pm; Valerie Revels; Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave., Oakland; free; 547-8227

Mountain Medicine Lectures: 7-10 pm; Environmental Problems - Altitude, Heat, and Cold; Alta Bates Hospital, Berkeley; call 534-6112 for map and info

Map and Compass 101: 6:30-9:30 pm lecture, 9 am-5 pm field sessions at Mt. Diablo State Park Apr. 12 & 13; REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; \$40 members, \$50 non-members + \$20 for field session (optional); 527-4140

Alternative Healing for Seniors: 1 pm; Griz Jones; relieve physical discomfort through natural means; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way; 644-6107

Literary Events

Apr. 3
Cees Nooteboom: 7:30 pm; Roads to Santiago - Detours and Riddles in the Lands and History of Spain; Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 943-3533

Mixed Bag Storytellers: 7:30 pm; Stories of Spring and Foolery; for adults and children over 10; Berkeley Public Library Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue, Berkeley; free; 644-6880

Apr. 5
Paul Gilster: 2 pm; Digital Literacy; Berkeley Public Library Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue, Berkeley; free; 644-6880

Music

Apr. 3
Ted Rockwell: 8 pm; Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; free; 510/THE-TAPS

Apr. 4
American Bach Soloists: 7:30 pm; pre-concert talk one hour prior to each performance; First Congregational Church, Berkeley; \$30/\$26/\$16; 415/392-4400

Steve Gibson Trio: 8:30 pm; Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; free; 510/THE-TAPS

Rebekah Lee: 8 pm; solo piano recital of works by Beethoven, Bach, Schumann, Ginastera; Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley Campus on Bancroft Way at College Ave.; 642-9988

Apr. 5
Ben Rubin Trio: 8:30 pm; Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; free; 510/THE-TAPS

Apr. 6
Morning and Jim Nichols: 4 pm; voice and guitar; Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley; \$20; 848-3228

Yonit Kosovski: 5 pm; harpsichord; Frescobaldi, Rossi, and Francois Couperin; MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley; \$18/\$15/\$6; 528-1685

Apr. 7
Steve Arnston: 1:15 pm; Schubert; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way; 644-6107

Apr. 8
Francisco Cera: 8 pm; harpsichord and organ keyboard music of the Italian renaissance and Baroque periods; Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley Campus on Bancroft Way at College Ave.; 642-9988

Ongoing Meetings

Apr. 8
Toastmasters on Campus: 6:15 pm; public speaking in a supportive environment; 2515 Hillgass Ave., Berkeley; Odette Larde, 643-7645; Al Mangarin, 6107

'Rose' is centerpiece of Jay DeFeo exhibit

Bay City News

"The Rose," braced against the concrete wall of Gallery 6 of the University of California Berkeley Art Museum, is the culmination and piece de resistance of the new exhibit "Jay DeFeo: Selected Works 1952-1989," an exhibit that makes a particularly important statement about both art and artist.

DeFeo, one of the few women among the abstract expressionists as well as the Beat Culture, is finally receiving due recognition, ironically eight years after her untimely death from cancer at the age of 60.

Trained at the University of Cali-

formia, Berkeley, and allied to the San Francisco Academy of Art where she was awarded an honorary doctorate, DeFeo is a true Northern California spirit.

Her earthwork vocabulary pre-dates Anselm Kiefer just as her heart and valentine motifs predate Jim Dine. In fact, everything she did in the 1950s is now the rage—and yet people ignored her work when it was fresh.

The current exhibit at Berkeley, a survey of more than 30 years of DeFeo's work, is rich with two floors of drawings, tempera on paper, photocollages, oils on canvas, acrylics and other examples of media with which DeFeo was so inno-

vative.

Her drawings, many of them unlabeled but taking the name of the place where they were executed ("Florence," "Berkeley," etc.), show a craftsmanship that is delicate and original.

"The Eyes" (1958), graphite on paper, is exact with the two eyes, eyebrows and faint pupils showing an affinity to the surrealists for whom the eye was an important window to the soul.

The Berkeley Art Museum is the perfect place for this exhibit.

"Jay DeFeo: Selected Works 1952-1989" runs through May 25 at the University of California Berkeley Art Museum.

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those melodies are rooted in the blues and spirituals, is a reminder to men of all faiths that the mandates are waiting to be fulfilled. The chorus is the force of the unheard millions," says Brubeck.

Text for *The Gates of Justice* is taken from the Old Testament, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the music is derived from a collage of styles, much like the nation's collage of cultures. African American spirituals, blues, classical European melodies, Israeli, Mexican and Eastern folk songs, and powerful improvised jazz sections. The work is scored for tenor, sung by Shimon Mizrahi; bass baritone, sung by Kevin Deas; 40-voice chorus (Pacific Mozart Ensemble); piano (Dave Brubeck); bass (Jack Six); drums (Randy Jones); brass (French horns, trombones, and tuba); percussion; and timpani. Russell is the long-time arranger and music director for Dave Brubeck, and conductor.

American composer and jazz giant Dave Brubeck was born in Concord, California in 1920. His studies were with Milhaud and Schoenberg in considerably comfortable surroundings — College of the Pacific and Mills College. Mills he founded the experimental Jazz Workshop Ensemble which recorded in 1949 as the Dave Brubeck Octet. By 1958 he had formed the Dave Brubeck Quartet with drummer Joe Mooney, bassist Eugene Wright, and pianist Paul Desmond, which pioneered the "modern" or "pro-

gressive" jazz sound. This new complexity of rhythm and counterpoint produced the first ever million-selling jazz tune, "Take Five," which defined the term "West Coast Cool Jazz."

The group performed together until 1967, and since then Brubeck has continued to write and record several large-scale works, including two ballets, the oratorio *The Gates of Justice*, a musical, four cantatas, a mass, works for jazz combo and orchestra, and many solo piano pieces. Recently, a new work for orchestra was commissioned by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and will receive its world premiere April 2. Brubeck performed at the White House in 1964 and 1981, at the 1988 Moscow summit honoring the Gorbachevs, and is the recipient of numerous awards.

Pacific Mozart Ensemble founding director Richard Grant has conducted the Berkeley-based group in over 130 concerts during the past 15 years. While its name suggests a specialization in music of the late 18th century, the ensemble has mastered a range of choral work from all periods and styles of music, particularly those of contemporary composers.

Single tickets to the Pacific Mozart Ensemble's concerts with the Dave Brubeck Trio, April 11, are priced at \$35 general admission, \$25 students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the door; reserved in advance by calling (415) 646-0508; or by mail, by writing to the Pacific Mozart Ensemble, 1945 Yosemite Road, Berkeley, CA 94707. Tickets for the April 13 reception with Dave Brubeck and his Trio are priced at \$150 and are available by phone order at (510) 528-2959.

New talent enlivens annual OEBS concert

By Marilyn Tucker

There was much to cheer about in the Oakland East Bay Symphony's annual "Side by Side" concert at the Paramount Theatre on Friday, including a couple of impressive young talents in the solo department.

"Side by Side" refers to music director Michael Morgan's capital idea of having talented young musicians from East Bay schools and orchestras sit next to regular orchestra musicians, often in what appears to be first-chair positions, for at least one piece. This year, 31 youthful string players teamed up with senior orchestra musicians for the world premiere of Ellen Hoffman's *The Little Dream Symphony*.

Hoffman has been associated with various OEBS projects since 1991. The Berkeley composer's *The Little Dream Symphony* is in two parts, appropriately called "Night Dream" and "Day Dream." With titles like these, it should come as no surprise that the music has an infectious air of childlike wonder and innocence about it.

In "Night," there are several ruminations on folklike tunes, including a soothing song that seems to be made of the stuff of lullabies. In "Day Dream," Hoffman taunts and teases a listener with melodic bits and pieces of a tune that is as familiar as its identity remains elusive. Then with the repeated references to the tune's last descending scale line, you get it. Sure enough, it's "Row, Row,

Row Your Boat," and that last line is "Life is but a dream."

Hoffman's development of thematic ideas was deft, remaining intriguingly simple, with little harmonic complexity. As a special piece for a special occasion, it was like a clever puzzle and most enjoy-

able. The music world looks wide open to the two winners of the senior division of the orchestra's Young Artist Competition; which revives a splendid tradition of the Oakland Symphony of 30 years ago. Solo appearances were made by cellist Sharon Bogas and violinist Erik Leung, first- and second-place winners, respectively.

Both, it appears from Friday's program, have talent to burn. Leung, who is 20 and has studied the violin since he was 4, was soloist in Chausson's *Poeme*.

Leung's string tone is a compound of sweetness and tightly controlled vibrato. He played the piece with compact romantic flourish, a soaring lyric flight that projected beauty for its own sake. You may have wanted him to dig in more deeply in the work's agitated middle, but his spinning out the lovely tranquility and serene nature of the beginning and ending of the music's arch line was lovely. The orchestra was a generous partner in this rhapsodic romance.

You could hardly believe that Sharon Bogas is only 16 years old, considering the confident musicianship she brought to the Elgar Cello Concerto. Bogas is first cellist in the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, in which Leung also plays, and has already won a slew of prizes since taking up the cello at the age of 9. Thankfully, she seems already to have forsaken the middle ground of non-offense that controls most competition winners, drawing a long bow on her instrument that is quite exciting.

The tone that comes from the Bogas cello has tawny eloquence, and she caught the enigmatic ins

Bogas' cello tone has tawny eloquence, and she caught the ins and outs of the Elgar concerto in full measure.

and outs of the Elgar concerto with a full measure of expressive technique. She projected the melancholy of the slow movement with unwavering focus, contrasting its inward turn with the struts and strides of the high-spirited finale.

Bogas and Morgan seemed to be in complete agreement on the path of this beautiful music. Bogas' technique is the architectural component of her musical strength. Beyond that her cello already has much to sing about. Appropriately, Friday's audience gave her a standing ovation.

The balance of the program was made up of two sure-fire winners, Franz von Suppé's *Poet and Peasant Overture* and Berlioz' *Roman Carnival Overture*. The celebrated Poet and Peasant alternated between stateliness and gusto. Its theatrical nature was heightened by its provocative waltz, as well as the felicitous solo cello of Dan Reiter.

The Roman Carnival Overture was performed with elegant operatic dash, distinguished also by the solo English horn of Barbara Midney in the "O Teresa" aria.



First place winner Sharon Bogas

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to recognize areas of distress thereby helping them decrease the stress while increasing their internal resilience.

"I cannot change genetic potential, however, we can influence environmental factors," she said.

To advance the profession of chiropractic and protect patient rights, Berry has served with the Alameda County Chiropractic Society, the California Chiropractic Association and the Chiropractic Council of the Bay Area. To reach a broader audience, she has become affiliated with Health Coach Systems International. Her passion though is to help people live happier, healthier and more satisfying lives by living in harmony with natural law.

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Berry enjoys cultural performances, museums and growing herbs and flowers. The author of "Internal Cleansing," Berry is now rewriting the book to be called "Internal Cleansing, A Practical guide to Ridding Your Body of Toxins and Enjoying Vibrant Health and Beauty," due out in April.

Day at the Races prizes

Thirty-four prizes await lucky winners who donate to their favorite Albany charity in exchange for Albany Day at the Races drawing tickets. This is the 27th year of this event sponsored by the Albany Chamber of Commerce and Golden Gate Fields. It offers Albany non-profit groups an opportunity to generate monies to support their beneficiaries such as seniors, youth groups, blind and deaf, scholarships and youth sports to name a few.

"Albany Day" will be held Saturday, April 26 at Golden Gate Fields. The drawing will be held at the race track that morning.

Prizes and donors include five \$50 cash prizes donated by Al Caruso Insurance Company; \$100 cash prizes each from K & S Company, D & M Auto Body and Sumitomo Bank; two brunches for two at Cafe del Sol; one pizza per month, Gina's Pizza; one year Basic Cable/Century Select, Century Communications; one large pizza per month for a year for two, Domino's Pizza; four \$25 gift certificates, Jodie's Patti Melt; one year's subscription, West County Times; two US Savings Bonds, one Ford logo jacket and one case of motor oil, Albany Ford/Subaru; and \$100 US Savings Bonds from the Mechanics Bank and from Jeans Realty.

Others are a Seiko watch from Richard's Jewelers; four trays of foccacia, Semifreddis; one starter jacket, Mary & Joe's Sporting Goods; an \$80 gift certificate, Jay Bunker D.C.; one \$50 gift certificate, Captain Video; three \$25 gift certificates, Montero's Cafe; two \$25 gift certificates, Rituals Gift



Hills Newspapers' Ginny Prior presented Frank Jensen with the 1996 Albany Citizen of the Year Award at the recent Chamber of Commerce mixer held at Golden Gate Fields' Turf Club. Jensen was honored with a plaque, an Albany cap and a special Albany T-shirt. Congratulations to the city's esteemed citizen!

Shop; one one-10th ounce gold Eagle coin, Albany Coin Exchange; and two \$25 gift certificates from Magic Garlic Restaurant.

Groups participating in the fundraiser are Albany Childrens Center which uses its funds each year for supplies, Albany Lions Club, Albany Rotary Club, Albany Soroptimist Club, Albany American Legion Post 292, Veteran's of Foreign Wars unit 2658, Solano Avenue Association, Kensington Lions Club and the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

All money collected is given to the participating groups. None goes to Golden Gate Fields which purchases all tickets, window posters and the "Albany Day" guests who attend on April 26.

Phone the Chamber of Commerce weekdays for information.

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A free Glucometer Elite is available for insulin users who purchase

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Pool Employee of the Month

The Albany Pool's employee of last month is Samantha Kelman, chosen for her mature handling of a difficult situation. Kelman has worked at the pool for over a year and is popular with both staff and patrons. Her sense of humor makes working with her a pleasure.

She is very considerate of the

patrons, especially those with special needs. Kelman teaches children's classes and does an excellent job working with young people.

Happy hour at Cafe del Sol

New things are happening at the Cafe del Sol, 1742 Solano Ave. There is now a happy hour weekdays, 3:30 - 6:30, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, specials on drinks and the new foyer patio seating with potted plants and water fountain. This is separate from the inside seating and the outdoor seating.

New general manager Ali Latchman invites all to select from exotic drinks complemented by an exotic appetizer menu. On site is a barbecue fire-pit firing up delicious hot-off-the-grill tasty choices. There are special prices on exotic drinks, frosty fruit margaritas, domestic and imported beer, wine and champagne according to Latchman.

Albany PTA Council News

Monday, April 7
Staff Development Day, No school for K-8

Monday, April 7
7:30 p.m., AMS Library
PTA Council

Topic: AUSD Complaint Policy Revision
Contact: Kay Weinstein, 525-0363

Tuesday, April 8
7:30, Room 51
AMS Parent Support Group
Contact: Helen Munch, 525-3694

Wednesday, April 9
7 - 8:30 p.m., Room 51
AMS Site Council
Contact: AMS for topic, 559-6540

Thursday, April 10
7 p.m., AMS Library
AMS PTA
Topic: Elementary questions about Middle School
Contact: Helen Munch, 525-3694

Thursday, April 10
Staff room
Marin Site Council
Contact: Marin School for time and topic, 559-6520

Saturday, April 12
Albany EQPP city-wide Earthquake Day

EQPP's goal for the day is to ensure that every water heater in town is strapped and to encourage everyone to practice preparing a meal using no utilities.

Sunday, April 13
Marin School hosts International Picnic

Monday, April 14
7:15 p.m., AHS Library, AHS PTA
Contact: Sarah Samonsky, 524-1754

Tuesday, April 15
7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-use room
Board of Education meeting

Topic: Agenda ASUD Office

Thursday, April 10
7 - 8 p.m., Cornell Open House

Thursday, April 10
7 - 8 p.m., Marin Open House

Thursday, April 10
7 p.m., Macgregor Vista-Macgregor

Topic: TV Turnover

Saturday, April 12
9 a.m., AMS
AMS Work Day

Volunteers welcome beautify our middle school grounds, work will be in garden and wiring access to the Internet.

Contact: Vice principal Flores, 559-6540 or Freese, 559-6560

Thursday, April 10
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AMS PTA

Topic: Elementary about middle school

Contact: Helen Munch, 525-3694

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Obituaries

THERESA B. WISENOR

Passed away after a long illness on March 25, 1997. Beloved wife of Delmar Wisenor of Albany; loving mother of Judy Davis of Fairfield and Delmar Wisenor, Jr. of Tacoma, Washington; dear sister of Jennie Indelicato of Walnut Creek; devoted grandmother of 4 and great grandmother of 6. A native of Oakland and lifelong resident of the Albany/Oakland area. Aged 83 years. A retired head teller with the Bank of California. Past President of Alameda County 600 Club. A vigil service was held Wednesday, March 26, 1997 at Sunset View Mortuary in El Cerrito and a cryptside blessing service on Thursday, March 27, 1997 at St. Joseph Cemetery in San Pablo. Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 295 - 27th Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

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Schools need parent, community involvement

for Spring Renewal

Recently, a group of parents and community members who are part of Richmond High's Title I committee presented a complaint to the school board that faculty were not willing to visit classrooms in order to evaluate the Title I program.

It would be far too easy to categorize this problem, as the *West County Times* did in a recent editorial about a parent-teacher conflict about because of the union contract.

The fact is that all parts of the community should be involved together in the design and implementation of Title I programs and projects. It has yet to take seriously the role of personnel and training to empower Title I groups, parents, and other school community members to have a meaningful voice in schools.

We plant this spring the seeds

for our next school year, let's consider at every opportunity how we can build real parent and community involvement in our schools. It truly is our only hope.

Pancake Breakfast Benefit

The 27th Annual El Cerrito Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast will benefit the Fairmont Elementary School library.

The event will be held Sunday, April 6th at the Cerrito City Club (corner of Kearney and Potrero) in El Cerrito.

Cost for adults is \$4.00, seniors and children \$3.50.

Volunteers for NetDay

Pinole Valley High School is planning a big NetDay for Saturday, April 19. Richard Snitzer from Sun Microsystems, Inc. will be the project director and will lead three teams of workers connecting 35 classrooms to the Internet.

Anyone interested in helping or



just cheering the team on, please contact Ruth Jenkins at rjenkins@wccusd.k12.ca.us or contact the school at 758-4664.

Science Standards Meeting

Parents, business leaders, educators, and the science community are invited to become more informed about the development of science content and performance standards for California's students.

Participants will have an opportunity to: review and comment on draft standards, speak with those involved in the creation of the standards, learn more about how the standards will become the basis for student assessment, and see actual student work that supports the standards.

The meeting will be held next Wednesday, April 9, from 4-7 p.m. at Albany Middle School, 1000 Jackson Street in Albany. Interested attendees are asked to RSVP by April 4 to Barry Kluger-Bell, Director, Bay Area Science Project (fax: 510/642-0191 or email: bkluger@uclink4.berkeley.edu).

Fiesta de Primavera

Mira Vista Elementary School

invites its friends and neighbors of East Richmond to the first ever Fiesta de Primavera, a pastoral celebration of the Hispanic Culture of California and Mexico.

The event will feature: authentic music of historical Spanish California; dancing, singing and instrumentalists of Huasteca and Veracruz; local dance ensembles and Mira Vista student singers; fresh Mexican and Mexican American foods; petting zoo featuring "Candyman," the Amazing Miniature Horse; pony pictures with Candyman (bring your camera); children's cultural art activities; pinata activities; craft vendors and a bake sale.

The Fiesta de Primavera will be held Saturday, April 26 at Mira Vista School, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission is free and foods and activities will be family-priced. For information, table rental, donations or to volunteer an hour of help, call 235-1507.

Spring for Lincoln

If you want two events in one day, after you finish up at the Fiesta de Primavera head over to St. Mark's Church in Richmond to celebrate "Spring for Lincoln," a community celebration and fund-raising event to benefit Lincoln Elementary School being organized by the Lincoln School Community in conjunction with the Exchange Club of Richmond.

Spring for Lincoln will be held on Saturday, April 26 at St. Mark's Church (159 Harbor Way, Richmond) at 6 p.m.

The event will include food and music, as well as a live and silent auction. Tickets are \$15 and are available by calling Susan Renstrom-McCloskey at 223-9531.

(West County School Watch is on the World Wide Web: <http://www.igc.org/westcounty/>.)



Scott Pollock, Zura Young and Janet Chen were winners in the 1997 Club Mendelssohn classical music competition.

El Cerrito High students come out tops in Club Mendelssohn classical music competition

Club Mendelssohn of Richmond has announced the winners for its 1997 classical music competition. This year's award winners are First Place: Zura Young, 17-year-old vocalist and senior at El Cerrito High School (ECHS); Second Place: Janet Chen, 16-year-old pianist and Junior at ECHS; Third Place: Scott Pollock, 16-year-old oboist and Senior at ECHS.

Runners up include Mahesh Rao: 14-year-old pianist and ECHS student; Megan Choi: 16-year-old oboist and ECHS student; and Shibani Flaherty: 13-year-old pianist and student at St. David's School.

The club has built a tradition of encouraging students of classical music since presenting its first scholarships in 1923. The competition is open to students from West County. Club Mendelssohn was founded at Point Richmond in 1904 for the cultivation of the arts. Its long tradition of recognizing young musicians has served as encouragement

for many young people from West County. Awards for the top three winners are given to the students' music teachers to help pay for private lessons. This year's runners-up received awards for music and musical supplies.

At a time when school arts programs are underfunded, the club performs a special role in continuing to encourage young musicians from West County.

Vocalist Zura Young, for example, says it is necessary to pursue all her vocal training outside public schools, since Adams Middle School and El Cerrito High School lost their vocal music programs after the Richmond Unified School District bankruptcy.

Zura Young, Janet Chen, and Scott Pollock will be performing for the club at their Guest Day Thursday, May 8 at the First Unitarian Church in Kensington. For information about Club Mendelssohn, contact Winifred Elfaser, 526-4575.

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Current suggestions have included face painting, acoustic music, jugglers, storytellers, pet adoptions, dog obedience demonstrations and classes, ethnic cultural events, poetry readings, informational lectures and jazz band concerts.

Event listings will be posted in merchant windows. The first event

will be the Albany Boosters Jazz Band, April 26, 2-4 p.m. in Peralta Park.

Anyone who would like to join the committee, which hopes to build a greater sense of community, please come for coffee at 9:15 a.m. at the Berkeley Bakery — next meeting is Tuesday, April 8.

There will also be a meeting with members of the Berkeley Small Parks Committee in Peralta Park on Monday, April 7, 5-7 p.m. to take a look at possible landscaping changes and better design usage.

Celebrate National Library Week: learn to navigate catalog system

To celebrate National Library Week (April 13-19) the library will have a special program to teach children third grade and up and parents how to use the library catalog.

The audience will learn how to look up books by titles, authors and subjects; how to research materials for reports; how to find award-winning books for children to read and many other helpful skills.

The program will last for an hour. Sign up begins April 2. The times are:

El Cerrito Library, Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m.
Pinole Library, Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m.

The Spring Series of Picture Book Time for preschoolers ages three through five will be held at both branches. Picture Book Time features stories read aloud, songs and fingerplays. Parents are requested to remain in the library during the sessions which last about 30 minutes. Registration begins April 8.

At the El Cerrito Branch, Picture Book Time is on Thursdays at 11 a.m., April 17-June 5. At the Pinole Branch, Tuesdays at 1 p.m., April 15-June 3.

For further information, please call your local branch.

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These two Easter Bunnies arrived with a hop, skip and a jump to help when Kensington Lions Club members put together 48 Easter baskets for delivery to the Mother Wright Foundation in Oakland. The Kensington club is celebrating its first year of "Lionism" and is enthusiastically engaged in projects to raise money and physically help those in need. Next project on the list is a Spring Cleaning Fair on Sunday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to donate children's or household items to the sale or to rent their own table for \$10. Call Anne Caruso at 527-4640 (day) or (707) 745-4927 (evening) for more information. The fair will be held on Oakview Avenue at Colusa Circle in Kensington. The road will be closed to traffic while the fair is going on.

Teacher Feature

Bergerud keeps it lighthearted

by Linda Goldfarb

I was early for this interview, but a note on the door welcomed me to wait in the classroom. I opened the door and entered. Have you ever been greeted by a 6-foot-long Chinese dragon suspended from the ceiling?

"I hope you weren't waiting long?" Bonnie Bergerud's soft-spoken demeanor belies the passion she has for children, for teaching, and for getting involved.

Even though Bergerud is commencing her 27th year with the West County School District and her 12th year at Kensington Hilltop, she maintains the enthusiasm of a teacher just entering the field. "I really love what I do," she said. "I try to keep my teaching lighthearted and I think the kids sense it."

As if teaching a combined class of 33 energetic fourth- and fifth-graders isn't enough, Bergerud is also active in all facets of the school's organizations.

She is the teacher representative to the Kensington Education Foundation, a successful fundraising umbrella, which stages such events as the annual Kensington Garden Party and KHS Spell-A-Thon. She is involved with the PTA and is also the language arts mentor teacher for the district.

One of Bergerud's many achievements was leading the KHS team in the application process for membership in the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative. Completing the membership application took months of hard work by the team. Even with the upheaval caused by

frequent changes in administration (KHS has had four principals in the past seven years), Bergerud was resolute in pursuing membership.

'If I'm at the beach, I'm already planning a project we could do with shells.'

The team's dedication and determination were rewarded with acceptance.

As a member, KHS is eligible to apply for funds to continue the process of school reform at Kensington Hilltop (the Collaborative is supported by a \$50 million Challenge Grant from the William/Flora Hewlett and Walter Annenberg Foundations).

In addition, membership opens doors of communication between



other member schools with the goal of ultimately implementing reform in the California school system.

How does Bergerud find the energy to be so involved?

"I'm addicted to aerobics. Activity and exercise are what keep me going," she says. And she is always thinking of new ideas for her class.

"If I'm at the beach, I'm already planning a project we could do with shells," she says.

I glanced up at the dragon her students had made in honor of the Chinese New Year. Noticing that this jubilant creature was made of decorated paper plates held together by chopsticks, I wondered whether the idea had sprung from a recent meal of chow mein and kung pao chicken!

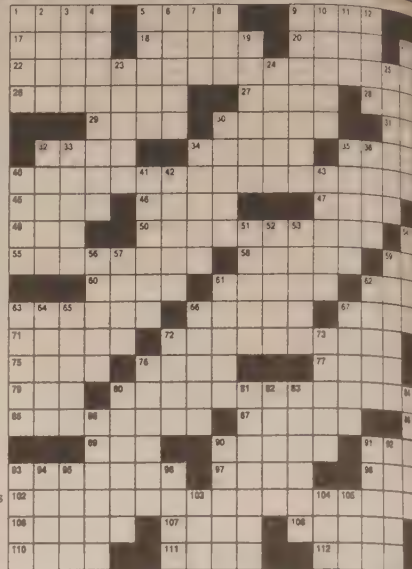
Bergerud is compassionate, caring, interested, involved — and in great shape! What more can you ask of a teacher?

New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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BY ELIZABETH C. GORSKI / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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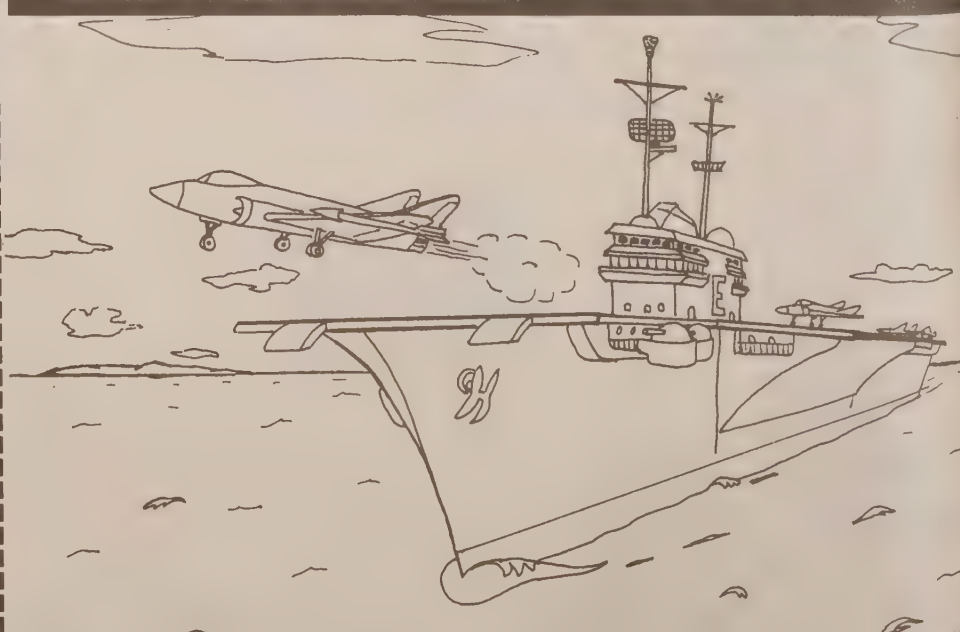
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Our Teacher Feature of the Month, Bonnie Bergerud, is in her 12th year of teaching at Kensington Hilltop Elementary School. She has been a teacher with the West County School District for 27 years and hasn't lost any of her enthusiasm for her profession.

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...were stolen from a vehicle in the 700 block of Kearney during the night of March 24. An attempted auto burglary was made in the 800 block of Norvell during the night of March 23. A person used a screwdriver or tool in an attempt to pry open a Toyota.

A truck was thrown through a window at El Cerrito Plaza during the afternoon of March 26.

Someone set a city trash can on fire at Cerrito Vista Park at about 6:04 p.m. March 21. Someone used spray paint to vandalize St. Jerome's school overnight March 24. A recycling theft (aluminum cans) was reported in the 200 block of Pomona at about 6:45 a.m. March 20. Ten domestic incidents, including three acts of domestic violence, were reported. A bike and a camera were turned in to the lost and found.

Letters

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agreement on how that is to be paid for. I have at times been very critical of how the Redevelopment Agency has exercised its powers (I recall using the phrase "authoritarian arrogance" at some point). However, it appears that one factor pushing the agency into what look like "get-rich-quick" schemes is the constraint imposed by the intense, reflexive opposition of a substantial

minority of El Cerrito residents to anything that could cost them any additional taxes of any kind. Simply put, if we want to keep property values and services up in El Cerrito, we ought to be willing to invest something to do it, and not expect the revenue to come magically into city coffers through additional sales taxes. To the extent that the Agency can help the city's financial situation without trampling the concerns of those living in and near proposed new development areas, it earns

public support. However, the agency has perhaps, even now, not fully recognized that its activities have created criticism for a variety of reasons, and generated a de facto opposing coalition that includes all sorts of political orientations. But if the agency is not going to resolve the city's budgetary problems, we should recognize a more direct civic responsibility to address this issue. Leverett Smith El Cerrito

El Cerrito Art Association hosts painter Jerry Yarnell

The El Cerrito Art Association hosts a meeting Monday, April 14, 7:30 p.m. at 7007 Mooser Lane in El Cerrito. A video will be presented by watercolorist and PBS presenter Jerry Yarnell. For more information, contact the art association at P.O. Box 241, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Or call 234-8805.

Health and Beauty

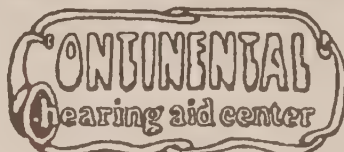
A Feature of the Advertising Department

Reducing Stress Through Meditation

David Weinberg

Stress is a reality of modern life. Stress, family stress, work stress, stress related to injury, aging and loss. Stress can have serious impacts on health, job performance, relationships. Occasionally stress may seem unbearable. We cannot directly control all stress-causing influences in our lives. Nor can we eliminate physical and emotional pain. However, our ability to cope with stress and pain is very much within our control, if we know how. Mindfulness meditation is a natural method for handling stress and chronic pain. It also can help us relax, heal and self-nourish, feel greater energy and optimism, and get the most out of medical treatment and therapy. Mindfulness is not just another technique for "fixing" what is wrong. It is a way of living with openness and courage in the midst of great pain. With mindfulness we acknowledge our longings for happiness and health, we

can act skillfully and confidently, and we can rediscover our essential strength and wisdom. In the East Bay, StressCare offers eight-week stress reduction courses designed to help participants learn the fundamentals of mindfulness and put them into practice. Upon completion, two-thirds of participants find that they can use mindfulness in their daily lives as a practical support for health and well-being. Evening and daytime courses are offered three times a year beginning in January, April and September. (See the StressCare advertisement below.) David Weinberg, M.P.A., is president of StressCare. He has practiced mindfulness meditation in the Soto Zen tradition since 1978. He received his clinical training in mindfulness-based stress reduction at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. He leads stress reduction courses at Alta Bates Medical Center in Berkeley, Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara, JFK University in Orinda, and Zen Hospice Project in San Francisco.



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Diets No!! Mindful Eating Yes!!

By Dr. Laura VanHarn

Hi! It is me again, Dr. Laura VanHarn. I would like to tell you about a down to earth program aimed at weight loss, but only indirectly. This year as in the past, a new onslaught of diet books and theories has hit the market. It is amazing these new diet programs continue to try to make us believe that we are not able to control our eating and it does not even faze us. It is really time to accept that diets just don't work!! The one constant in the battle with weight is that our body is the ultimate computer. Our standard equipment has the ability to tell us what to eat, when we are hungry, when it is comfortable, and when we are putting more into our body than it needs. When we don't listen to these messages our body shape becomes distorted and our ability to function at

our peak is diminished. Starting April 24 and continuing for 7 consecutive Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9:00PM, Nancy Holliday, M.S. exercise physiology, clinical and sport physiology, will be offering to members and nonmembers a class in MINDFUL EATING. This program teaches individuals to recognize true hunger and to be aware of habits that are perpetuating weight gain. The focus of the class will be directed at learning new habits and beliefs around food. This behavioral approach to eating awareness and weight management is a long-term solution that has been tested at both the Stanford and La Jolla Eating Disorders Clinics. At the Phytness Connection we do not sell diet programs, expensive personal training sessions, or equipment. However, in the case of the MINDFUL EATING program, we feel that because of its relevance and high quality, it is important to make it available to our members as well as others in the community who might be interested. REMEMBER! It's your body...It's your only body. Exercise, eat sensibly and it will be better each year. Call today for more information and to arrange for a space in the MINDFUL EATING PROGRAM. The Phytness Connection is located at 6116 La Salle Ave. Oakland, CA. 510-339-6546. We are now accepting a limited enrollment.

What Is Electrolysis?

Have you wondered what that word, electrolysis, really means? Have you had unwanted hair you haven't known how to deal with? Have you been plagued by irritations from shaving and waxing? Would you like a permanent solution? The FDA still recognizes electrolysis as the only proven means of permanent hair removal. It works by inserting a fine wire in the follicle and

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CAL DIGEST

sweeps Bears

Cal baseball team was by No. 2 UCLA last week in Los Angeles: 13-1, 9-0, 8-0. The Bears (13-23, 1-14 in Southern Division) is still led by the outstanding play of shortstop Brian Oliver is currently on an 11-game hitting streak (15-for-164, home run, six RBI) and the Bears in batting (.371), 26 hits (52), doubles (nine), (three), walks (19) and strikeouts (17). Last season as a senior, he became Cal's first baseball All-American. The Bears will next travel to Arizona for a three-game beginning Friday.

Cal leads disappointing finish at NCAA men's swim team (7-2) had disappointing finish at the 1997 A Championship in Minneapolis, placing 15th (95.0 points). For Cal, however, was junior Sikora. Sikora placed second with the 400 IM, setting a record with a 3:45.80, and back (1:42.95). He also sixth in the 200 IM (1:47.03 prelims). Sikora ended the nation's fifth leading scorer (47.0).

net Arizona teams

Cal men's tennis team had a showing last weekend in the Division I playoffs over Pac-10 Division foes Arizona and Arizona. The Sun Devils, the swept the doubles play earning heading into singles

action. Chris Santos defeated Sergio Elias at No. 1, 6-3, 6-3, but the Bears dropped matches at Nos. 2-4.

Cal's Minh Le and Brian Fernando were equal to the challenge as they secured wins playing at No. 5 and No. 6 as Cal hung on for their first conference win of the season, 4-3.

Against Arizona, the Bears used the momentum from the ASU victory, rolling to a 6-1, defeat of the Wildcats. Key to the win were three, three-set victories posted by Santos, Nathan Jackmon, and Le.

Cal next faces No. 17 USC followed by No. 1 UCLA April 4-5 in Los Angeles.

Crew teams promising

The men's and women's crews embark on their 1997 campaigns when the teams travel to Mission Bay for the San Diego Crew Classic, April 4-5.

Under the new leadership of coach Steve Gladstone, men's crew looks to return to the top echelon of collegiate rowing. This year's varsity is made up of stalwarts from the 1996 JV, including Djordje Visacki, Danko Djunic and Wolf Thiele, last year's fourth ranked JV eight, Mark Rolson, the second ranked freshman eight, Sebastian Bea, and transfers, Scot Kaslusk, Lars Erdman and Andeja Stevanovic.

The women should look similar to the successful novice crew from a year ago. Cal returns only Caroline Ingham and coxswain Ilyana Achzinger from last year's varsity boat.

Gymnasts lose in MPSF championships

The men's gymnastics team suffered its first defeat of the season at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships on March 28 in Lincoln, Neb.

The Bears finished third with a score of 229,800, out-pointed by champion Nebraska (230,700) and runner-up Oklahoma (230,100). The meet served as a wake-up call for the No. 2-ranked Bears as they head into NCAA regionals April 5 in Albuquerque, N.M. Cal must finish in the top three next weekend in order to qualify for the national championship meet, April 17-19, at Iowa.

Ruggers win in Canada

Fly half Dave Stroble created his own homecoming party while leading Cal's rugby team to a 24-0 victory over Washington on Thursday.

The Port Angeles, Wash. native and acting Cal captain scored one try, set-up another and kicked two conversions for the Bears.

It took only 12 minutes of play for Stroble to make his mark with a 40-meter break and a precision pass to winger Ryan Fried for the first points of the match.

The Cal try came against the run of play as the Huskies dominated early. Aided by a series of penalties and line-out wins, Washington pinned the Bears on its own goal line, but could not score. Stroble's break and the ensuing try gave Cal momentum, which resulted in winger Doug Anthorp

and center Deron McElroy scoring also before halftime.

"It was a good win on the road," the Cal captain said. "We jumped onto the field straight after getting off a plane. It is hard to attain mental focus under those conditions and I was proud of how we handled the situation."

Cal found top form Saturday and the timing was perfect. The Bears beat the University of British Columbia, 23 - 10, in Vancouver, their first win against a Canadian team in six years.

For Cal, the win erased memories of last month's matchup against the Thunderbirds in Berkeley where they saw a 19 point halftime lead vanish in the second period.

This time, the Bears held a 13-5 lead at the break, with two penalty kicks by scrum half Kevin Dalzell, and a try by inside center Matt Gorham that Dalzell converted. Cal kept its composure in the second period too, adding tries by Stroble and winger Todd Conneely. UBC answered with one late try of its own, but couldn't launch a sustained rally because of a stifling Cal defense.

Dalzell had only one word to describe the Bears' defensive effort: "awesome." He felt so confident in his teammates' play that he said little to them even as B.C. tried to come back late in the game: "I didn't need to say much, because I could see the desire to win in everyone's eyes. It wasn't about which was the most physical or most skilled team, it was about who wanted to win the most."

Cal's great Sweet 16 season 'gets canceled', stamped out

Honoring Cal's basketball team which went to the NCAA Sweet 16 earlier this month, the Berkeley branch of the U. S. Post Office has authorized a stamp cancellation mark. The mark has a Cal basketball logo in a basketball, with the words "NCAA Round of 16" around it.

Those who wish to have envelopes canceled with the stamp, can purchase Cal basketball envelopes for \$1 (which includes a 32-cent stamp).



Kwamin Taylor is a part of St. Mary's mile relay team which has turned in a 3:20.83 already this season.

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he would."

Nero's also surprised in the 100.

In a dual meet against James Logan, the junior won the event with a time of 10.9.

"We would have been happy with an 11.2 or an 11.3," Lawson said. Nero's time forced Lawson to add Nero to the 400 relay team.

Another junior who is excelling early on is Mike Arp. A member of the school's cross country team, Arp has already posted a time of 1:58 in the half-mile. Lawson said by the end of the season Arp could shave four or five seconds off of that time.

Senior Matt Norris finished sec-

'I don't think I've seen a time under 15 seconds, other than Rich's (Nero).'

— JAY LAWSON, ST. MARY'S TRACK COACH

ond in the discus at Sacramento with a throw of 146-6. In the triple jump Jerrod Mack has a season best of 46-3. Lawson said he hasn't seen a mark over 45 this season.

Yet another team strength is the mile relay foursome of Khalid and Kwamin Taylor, Devin Poche-West and Jafar Williams. At the Stanford Invitational two weeks ago, the foursome ran the mile in 3:20.83, nearly beating last year's late-season mark. Kwamin Taylor may be kept out of this week's Oakland relays at Cal because of a knee injury.

"We have a lot of quality kids," said Lawson, who pointed out that his junior varsity team's time of 44.1 in the 400 relays is a good varsity time.

And the best may still be a year away.



O'Dowd's Jarrett Winfield, left, gets ready to shoot over Berkeley's Elan Emanuel last week.

Jackets

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is a good ball team," said BOD. "They have depth and are well coached." At season's end, this could work in assessment of Berkeley as though Wednesday's loss

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the Panthers bottom of the third inning. The Jets scored six times in the commanding lead.

the SM's record, Bruno said the "pretty well." Mitigating factors include the facts that this

dropped their record to 2-3, the Jackets showed signs of being able to compete with the top teams in the NCJLA.

They have a resourceful scorer in junior attackman Robbie Hellieson, whose two goals helped keep things close for a while Wednesday. Berkeley should be heartened, too, by the idea that it

was facing BOD when the Dragons were on a serious roll.

BOD was fresh from winning the San Diego Lacrosse Festival, and was intent on continuing the trend at Berkeley's expense. The two teams play again in the last regular-season match of the year, May 1 at O'Dowd, so the Jackets will have another chance to leave

a lasting impression on the NCJLA standings.

Berkeley has some time off for spring break, but resumes play April 11 at home against Novato. It was originally scheduled to face Skyline on the 9th, but Skyline didn't field a varsity team this year.

is the team's first year playing varsity softball and there are no seniors and only two juniors on the team.

"We played the same Encinal team last year," Bruno said. "The same team, meaning they played their varsity team against us. They are mostly juniors and seniors. The fact that it wasn't a hitting game, that we held

them, shows we are improving. I am real satisfied with the team's output."

As a junior varsity team last year, the Panthers won two games. Both wins came in the last week of the season. Bruno said she expects to surpass that total this season.

"We have a lot of individual talent," the coach said. "We are still in

the process of polishing it. The record is not real reflective of how much we've improved.

"If we apply what we learn, yes, we'll have more wins this season. It's a matter of keeping that positive mental attitude in place."

The Panthers host Branson April 10 at 3:30 p.m.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Evan Lurie
El Cerrito High
Baseball



Stacey Touseon
St. Mary's High
Softball

A senior first baseman on the El Cerrito High baseball team, Evan Lurie is leading the Gauchos in hitting and RBI. Despite hard-luck losses, Lurie is hitting .444 with 12 RBI and nine doubles in 11 games. Lurie was an all-league line-backer on the school's football team.

One of just two juniors on the St. Mary's softball team, Stacey Touseon, in her first year on the softball team, is hitting .500 with 12 hits and six RBI while playing shortstop for the Lady Panthers. Touseon has supplied leadership on the field for a program in its first year of varsity play.

Athletes of the Month, which will be published the first Thursday (Berkeley Voice, The Journal) & Friday (Montclair) of each month, is co-sponsored by Hills Newspapers & Grand Slam USA. Hills Newspapers is solely responsible for the selection of the athletes. To nominate an athlete fax your selections to Hills Sports, 339-4066.

Grand Slam USA will award gift certificates good for 1/2 hour of baseball, softball or basketball, to each athlete for their athletic as well as academic achievements.

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1997 Berkeley Yellowjacket's Baseball Schedule

April 3 at Livermore Rotary Classic
April 9 San Ramon*
April 11 at Amador Valley*
April 16 at Monte Vista*
April 18 California*
April 23 at Livermore*
April 25 at San Ramon*
April 30 Amador Valley*

May 2 California*
May 7 at California*
May 9 Livermore*
May 14 San Ramon*
May 16 Amador Valley*
May 21 at Monte Vista*
May 23 California*
*EBAL



Martin Snapp

The Perfect Tribute: Once again, I beg the indulgence of my non-Baby Boomer readers, because I need to say a few final words about the recent visit of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. (I don't need to apologize to the Baby Boomers, because you're all as obsessed with Vietnam as I am.)

I went to the dedication ceremony on Thursday, and it was lovely. There were many touching speeches (with the exception of Berkeley Peace & Justice Commissioner Mike Sherman, who chose to rehash all the old battles of the '60s) and many tender moments.

But curiously, the wall itself had no meaning for me. It was just a wall with a bunch of names on it.

But when I went back on Saturday, the atmosphere was completely different. It was like being in church. "My God!" I said to myself. "It feels just like the real thing in Washington, D.C.!"

There were people from all over the East Bay, not just Berkeley. I saw family members reaching out to the wall to touch the names of their loved ones. I saw strangers embracing. I saw grown men crying.

I saw the letters and poems and photos and baby booties that people left at the base of the wall, accompanied by notes that tore at the heart. Among them:

"John E. Little, April 16, 1966. Although I never met you, I think about you almost every day of my life. I'm glad you made it to Berkeley! Your son, Chris."

"Chris Martinez, my good buddy at Albany High School. — John Woolworth"

"To all my students at Berkeley High School who did not return. Let today embrace the past with remembrance, and the future with longing. God bless."

"Charlie: Here again at your memorial. I visit it every time it comes to my area. God bless. Your friend, Dan."

"Carl, Randy: Thank you for your ultimate sacrifice. — Dave."

"Jerry F. Hogan, U.S.N.: We love you, Hogan, and we will never forget you."

"For all who pass this way: Thank God for your families, your life, your freedom. For you and country, we gave all."

These people, in their grief, had transformed that little patch of downtown Berkeley into hallowed ground. Lincoln said it best: "The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here. But it can never forget what they did here."

My heartfelt admiration goes to these families and friends, and to the two people who were most responsible for The Wall's visit: Country Joe McDonald and Tamlyn Bright, chief aide to Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean.

I fervently hope this will become an annual event, and that the memory of all who suffered (and continue to suffer) from that terrible war will remain in our hearts 365 days a year.

A few days later, I got a call from Jack Hannon, Berkeley High '65, who knew several of the local boys whose names are on The Wall. One was his best friend, Michael Hare. (Mike was the star pitcher on the Berkeley High baseball team; Jack was his catcher.)

Jack told me that after Mike died, his family went to the airport to receive his body. There they met a guy in full Marine dress uniform, who told them he was a buddy of Mike's who had been on patrol with Mike when he was killed. The guy said he was planning to fly to Washington after the funeral to pick up a Bronze Star that Mike had been awarded posthumously.

Mike's family took him in and befriended him. He stayed at their house, and they gave him money to pay for the trip to Washington.

At the funeral reception he excused himself for a few minutes to call Washington and make the final arrangements for the trip.

As it happens, one of the other guests at the reception was a longtime family friend, Edwin Skeels, a sergeant with the Berkeley Police Dept. Skeels overheard the guy dialing the phone, and he realized that the guy had dialed only seven numbers — not 10, which you would do if you were making a long-distance call.

Skeels quickly made a few calls of his own, and he discovered that the guy was a con artist. The man had read about Michael's death in the Oakland Trib and decided to make a quick buck out of his family's grief. All it took was a trip to the local costume store to rent a Marine uniform.

Not letting on that he was wise to the scam, Skeels volunteered to drive the guy to the airport after the reception.

As they were driving, Skeels turned and said, ever-so-friendly-like, "You know, you're a really impressive guy. You'd have a great career in law enforcement after you get out of the service."

"You think so?" said the guy.

"Sure!" said Skeels. "Say, I have an idea. We still have a little time to kill before your flight. How'd you like me to stop by the police station and give you a private tour?"

"Great!" said the guy.

And that's exactly what Skeels did. He gave the guy a private tour — right into the nearest cell.

P.S. Skeels retired several years later with the rank of Inspector. I don't know what happened to the con man, but here's hoping he's still rotting in jail.

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pass Measure C in 1990, a citizen-sponsored initiative which mandates any changes in waterfront zoning be approved by a majority of voters.

"Hopefully now Ladbroke will put money into the facility as the new owner which they were previously hesitant to do as the tenant," says City Administrator Daren Fields, adding that, "they're here to stay, and they're obviously making a commitment to the location and the community."

"Actually," says Albany Waterfront Committee member Jerri Holan, "I think it's terrible."

Like it or not, though, the deal appears to be done. The racetrack property, and the future of the waterfront, now rests in the hands of Ladbroke.

Originally acquired as railroad easements, Catellus/Santa Fe ownership of the East Bay shoreline goes back to around the turn of the century. Horse racing began in 1941, when, according to the racetrack's media guide, a horse named Mrs. L. Helton's Skookumchuck, bred by Bing Crosby, won a race on a muddy opening day at what was then the Golden Gate Turf Club.

The track closed shortly thereafter, and the property was used to store military equipment during World War II. Re-opening in 1947, the racetrack was the site of the first in what would end up being a long series of wins by a 19-year-old apprentice jockey named Bill Shoemaker.

Over the ensuing decades, many proposals, including one to build a trio of islands out of garbage in the middle of the Bay, were set forth for the waterfront.

In the 1980s, many speculated that the future held development, and that the racetrack — a much larger source of revenue for the city than it is now — was on the way out.

At one point, proposals as large as a four-million-square-foot hotel/housing/commercial complex. While no solid deal was ever laid on the table, Santa Fe did, according to City Attorney Robert Zweben, shell out "a couple million dollars" on an environmental impact report which would have represented a significant first step toward development.

According to many, though, the mega-developer which later evolved into Catellus proceeded in a somewhat less than gentle manner, and some in the community got nervous.

Rich Di Grazia, who moved to Albany in 1984, says

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were interested in collecting as much information on expected traffic impacts as possible, from traffic study projections to "letting people speak about Behrens and Spokane."

Though the school district has agreed to assign \$45,000 to the city for construction of the street closure, "that doesn't mean the city's going to go ahead and do it," said Barker.

He characterized the commission hearings as the beginning of the City of Albany's "official" procedure for considering the closure.

The discussion will return to the Traffic and Safety Commission April 24. Before that meeting, staff will prepare a packet containing information requested by the commission and "information that came out of the discussion" Thursday night, including input from neighbors.

"We're trying to give the commission all the background information we can on the possible closure so the members can make a clear recommendation to the city council," he said.

At some point, perhaps in April, the commission will make that recommendation of action to the Albany City Council.

The El Cerrito City Council is expected to consider the project for approval this fall. In a letter dated March 27, Ann Lehman and Pearson Miller, co-chairs of the Behrens Neighborhood Association, said that "council members have assured us that they are committed to street closure..."

Lehman and Pearson also shared the association's strong support of the closure with the commission.

"The agreement to close the street was reached after an extensive petition campaign and many difficult,

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alternatives to the project as proposed, including the impacts to be expected if "no project" were undertaken at all.

Alternatives considered by the report include:

- a "flipped" layout, with the cinema and associated parking on the Mayfair site, housing on the BART site;
- a reduction of the cinema by 50 percent in size, with the remainder of the project staying essentially the same;
- residential/ retail development at the BART site, with the cinema eliminated and the elimination of any development at the Mayfair site;
- expanded residential/ retail development at the BART site, with the cinema eliminated and the Mayfair development remaining as proposed;
- increased retail at the BART site and a second-floor cinema ("Alternative F");
- moving the entire project to the Plaza BART station and Plaza shopping center;

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seem to see that there's a problem with what they're doing," she said. If the city were to revise the ordinance and accept a "stipulated judgment" in favor of AFAN, it could avoid the potentially costly legal battle.

While Murdo was sticking with his guns in principle, "in practicality," he said, the suit might not be one the city should fight. "A poor city can't stand on principles," Murdo said, suggesting a larger jurisdiction might be more prepared financially to take a stand in favor of fingerprinting.

In response to the lawsuit, Murdo also wrote a letter to state Senator Barbara Lee suggesting a bill be drafted to regulate fortune tellers. "I do not wish to

that, at first, Santa Fe's plans looked "interesting." He later had a change of heart. At a town hall meeting at Albany High School in the late 1980s, Di Grazia recalls, a lawyer for Santa Fe threatened that if the city did not play ball, the company might instead surround the waterfront with a fence and, essentially, out of spite, let it rot.

"That really fried my brain," says Di Grazia, adding that, prior to Measure C, development on the waterfront needed only be approved by a three-person majority on the City Council (disgruntled citizens could, however, have called for a referendum.)

It was around that time that the now-defunct Citizens for the Albany Shoreline (CAS) was formed, and the process began by which Measure C came to pass. Shively, a 10-year member of the Waterfront Committee who helped write the measure, imagined a shoreline without a racetrack and development maybe one-tenth the size of the Santa Fe proposal.

"We decided to take the approach to empower the citizenry to vote on anything crucial on the waterfront," says Di Grazia, adding that many told the group they had "no shot in (heck)" of even getting a measure on the ballot.

Through word of mouth, though, the idea spread, and many a volunteer (including recently-retired Mayor Mike Brodsky, who, two years later, would use Measure C as an entry point into city politics) hopped on board. With the help of the Sierra Club and other environmentalists, the group launched a door-to-door, grass-roots campaign, opposed by, among others, the five who occupied seats on the city council at the time.

The council opposed the initiative, saying it would be burdensome in that it would mandate a vote on even the smallest changes on the waterfront, and submitted an initiative of its own (Measure D). According to former councilmember Thelma Rubin, also of concern was the possibility that the racetrack might leave with no new revenue-producing use of the waterfront ready to take its place.

"I still feel (Measure C) was the wrong thing at the wrong time," says Rubin, who, along with current School Board member Ed McManus, also on the council, signed ballot arguments against Measure C. "I think they were wrong, but I can't say we were right."

"Basically, I thought it put an onerous burden on the property owner for any reasonable process of having a plan approved," McManus says.

Voters, however, felt otherwise, sending the coun-

lengthy discussions and public hearings for the residents of El Cerrito," reads the letter. "While the agreement contains a provision to place the closure solely within El Cerrito if necessary, we would naturally prefer to work cooperatively with you so that it may be placed on the border of the two cities and take into account your concerns."

A number of Behrens residents were in attendance at the March 27 meeting, Phillips said, adding that "a lot of people spoke in support of closing Behrens" at the meeting, including both co-chairs of the North Albany Neighborhood Association.

Opponents presented their case as well.

Doug Donaldson, a resident of Spokane Avenue, is one active opponent of the closure. He presented the commission with a petition containing 29 signatures and listing four reasons for the opposition. (Those signing declared themselves opposed to the closure plan for "one or more" of those reasons.)

First, that "the closure of streets that are part of a grid network is poor public policy and sets a dangerous precedent" in that grid street systems "spread the traffic burden and impacts" widely, while "breaking a link" in the system creates benefits for some and reduces travel choices for many others.

Second, that the traffic impact on Behrens Street may not be so great as to require "this extreme level of mitigation. "...This is logical because the school will serve Albany, and the students will all come from and go to the south," it reads.

Third, that the closure itself could have impacts that have not been considered, such as the possible increase of traffic on Ashbury/Key Route and other streets and possible limitations on police/emergency access.

(A resident of Key Route raised his own concerns and questions about such impacts at the meeting.)

- moving the cinema only to the Plaza BART station or shopping center;
- moving the cinema only to the IHOP site, which is partially in the City of Richmond and currently contains the vacant Food Bowl and IHOP buildings.

The report is required by state law to summarize its findings in five "assessment categories": growth-inducing impacts, unavoidable significant impacts, irreversible environmental changes, cumulative impacts and effects found not to be significant.

The report concludes that "growth-inducing impacts" of the proposed project would consist of (1) "direct and secondary employment increases and increases in housing demand" in the city and (2) "population increases associated with the proposed multi-family housing."

The residential component of the proposed project is expected to increase the city's population by 491 persons; the commercial component is expected to create about 516 new onsite and offsite jobs, in turn generating "an increased demand for an estimated 88 new housing units in El Cerrito."

empower a known, convicted 'bunco' person to perform in my community, or my state for that matter," the letter says. "Without some reasonable limitations imposed on this growing industry, we can anticipate just about anyone, including convicted felons, to engage in such ventures within our communities."

Mayor Bob Good, Murdo's sole supporter at the first reading of the ordinance last summer, had a similar view. While agreeing with Murdo's concerns, he too cited the situation as one where the city might not be willing to put its money where its mouth is.

Currently, the city has filed a motion to dismiss the case in that it was not brought within a year of Stokink first applying for a fortune-telling licence in 1995. Even if this case was dismissed, the city might be at risk

cil measure and a sunset initiative (Murdo would have ended up invalidating Measure C by 72 percent, a move which, in the many, essentially sent Catellus packing.)

"It's probably that Measure C broke Catellus in the East Bay," says former Cheasty, also one of the original Measure C opponents.

Brodsky, who, as mayor four years ago spearheaded a new, more controversial waterfront — a 150-table cardroom at the waterfront — agrees. "I think Measure C made it impossible for Catellus," he says. "I think if they were sensible or realistic things might have happened differently."

Bob Outis, a Measure C opponent and attorney for the Citizens for Responsible Development group which filed the cardroom lawsuit, well, but has a somewhat different take. "We are now living the legacy of Measure C," he says, speculating, like Measure C not only drove Catellus away but also week's deal. "I think (the racetrack) is the waterfront."

While some, Shively, for example, a CRG member, disagree, it can be noted that a significant proposal for the area came not from Ladbroke, which bought the waterfront.

The Citizens for the Albany Shoreline disbanded, with some (Di Grazia, Brodsky) finding their way to one side of the cardroom and some (Shively) to the other. Those who remain camp cite the cardroom, and that essential to the city's budget. Those who oppose, "I'm not prepared to give up and go going to be a racetrack on the waterfront," Outis, who, for the past two-and-a-half years, fought the cardroom proposal which would further solidify Ladbroke's presence.

The decision-making power as to the future has now shifted hands, though, and ing out however many millions of dollars agreed to pay Catellus (one reporter at press conference speculated the deal to be in the figure range), it is doubtful that they will be any time soon.

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Finally, that the project is not a "wise use" of \$90,000 of school district funds and money "should be invested in educational and/or the mitigation of more significant impacts."

At the meeting, said Phillips, Donaldson gestured that the proposed closure be postponed after the school opens in order to assess traffic and parking impacts created, as well as problems that may arise.

Barker said the input from opponents incorporated into the information packet the Traffic and Safety Commission will receive for review. In reference to access, he said that "emergency barriers are often installed so that 'emergency only' may access the otherwise dead-end."

He noted, however, that no designs have been drawn.

For his part, Phillips told the commission staff is proceeding with the neighborhood published schedule. The next month or two is the "work with the school district on scheduling engineering work on closure plans then getting way this summer. "We're proceeding so to get the project completed in sync with school," he said. "The school is not expected to earlier than the fall of 1998."

Phillips also noted that the City of El Cerrito neighboring residents were concerned when Field was suggested as a possible site for the housing of Albany High School while the school undergoes seismic upgrading and renovation. AUDS board agreed on consensus last week that temporary classrooms would be better than the existing campus. "We're no longer on that score," Phillips said.

"Because the proposal represents an 'infrastructure' project, potentially growth-inducing of new infrastructure will be necessary to support the project," according to the report.

As for "unavoidable significant impacts," the report must disclose any significant adverse impacts could not be "reduced to less than significant even when the recommended mitigation measures are undertaken."

Two such impacts were identified, both with long-term impacts on regional air quality and air-polluting vehicle emissions. No project is expected to create irreversible environmental impacts.

A variety of "cumulative impacts" are also identified, which might be created when other parts of the city and county lands are developed.

The list addressing "effects found not to be significant," as they apply to the Del Norte project, includes impacts on unique geologic features, endangered or species or habitat, and air movement.

A summary of the DEIR is available on the web address at: www.ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

for a similar lawsuit in the future, Zweben said. Timmerman said the case should not be dismissed, however, because Stokink and AFAN were not in the impression the ordinance would be changed. The aligned council will revisit the issue on April 17 in the Edith Stone Room at the library, at which a new ordinance, sans fingerprinting, could be passed.

The ordinance, adopted in the 1980s, also set the density of fortune tellers, stating that no more than 1,500 feet of another. As it was to be amended, it would also have cast a wide net to include ancient mysteries or New Age Avenue casting dice, runes or other objects, feng shui, astrology, I Ching, magick and face reading.

A clean-as-a-dream machine

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"Gee, for \$160, we could clean anything," I said. "It was going to cost me \$100 to hire someone just to clean my back patio."

"And my deck needs washing," Anet went on. "We'd save money

and announced that the larger, more expensive machines were the contractors' versions, not the ones we wanted.

"The little one is only 1200 psi," she said, managing to sound like she knew what she was talking

questions.

Standing in line waiting to pay, I said we'd have to be careful operating the washer. Anet was more worried about keeping the kids away from it.

"Imagine what Nick could think to do with this thing," she said. I could imagine. Nick is 13.

We talked about the first time we heard of power washers. We had a listing, a house that needed a lot of renovation. The seller was willing to pay for the work but he didn't want to decide what should be done or even be there to see it happen. He moved out and we hired a contractor.

One of the things the contractor suggested was washing the front walkway. The house needed a roof, termite and fireplace work, a new furnace, paint, light fixtures—and a kitchen. The cleanliness of the

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Alphabet soup

By H. W. Moss

When you deposit money in a bank or savings and loan, not only do you expect to earn interest on the principal, you expect someday to be able to retrieve the entire amount.

Historically, security such as this has been achieved by insuring deposits up to \$100,000. Federal deposit insurance was created in the 1930s to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system.

"These days it is generally believed to be even safer than it ever was" to keep your money in a federally insured institution, said Bill Mitchell, a spokesman with the Office of the Ombudsman of the FDIC in Irvine.

Banks and savings and loans that are members of an insurance program pay premiums into a

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Although BIF and SAIF may sound like second cousins to Beavis and Butt-Head, they are actually acronyms for two new government sponsored insurance

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POFF & TALBERT

188 in a series of true stories in real estate.

Costco a couple of weeks happened into the high-pressure water sprayer section. It taken on our minds to shop for power cleaners, but there we were without a word between began to look closely at the machines while visions of concrete danced in our

head out loud, "Good for the outside of houses, cars, furniture, decks, rain gutters.

'Imagine what Nick could think to do with this thing,' she said. I could imagine. Nick is 13.

immediately."

"I wonder if it's dangerous," I said. "I heard of a painter who blew a hole in his hand with a paint sprayer. But maybe that's different."

"No, these can't be that strong," Anet assured me.

She read me all the power ratings

about.

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Fixed rates inch up

On March 27 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage for the week rose 3 basis points to 7.97 percent from last week's average of 7.94 percent.

This the highest the 30-year fixed has been since Oct. 4, 1996, when it averaged 8.06 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) remain unchanged from last week's average of 5.71, the highest this rate has averaged since Sept. 27, 1996.

This week's average for 15-year fixed rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance

market, is 7.48 percent, up 3 basis points from last week's average of 7.45 percent.

The 15-year fixed rate has not been at this level since Oct. 4, 1996, when it stood at 7.58 percent.

"Tuesday's rate hike by the Federal Reserve was not unexpected and much of the rise in interest rates in the last few weeks was in anticipation of this," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Robert Van Order.

"With this in mind, it wouldn't be surprising to see mortgage rates a little bit over 8 percent next week."

This year Freddie Mac celebrate the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey, having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

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1364 Burbank St. - \$140,000
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2241 San Antonio - \$309,000
1608 Santa Clara - \$280,000
415 Sheffield Rd. - \$269,000
1309 Sherman St. - \$345,000
30 Steuben Bay - \$348,000
1001 Verdemar Dr. - \$165,000

ALBANY
555 Pierce St. #10 - \$90,000

BERKELEY
2310 6th St. \$310,000
1827 Addison St. - \$289,500
1340 Arch St. - \$550,000
1411 Blake St. - \$219,000
6811 Buckingham - \$665,000

29 Chancellor Pl. - \$833,000
2029 Channing, 3B - \$132,000
1075 Creston Rd. - \$210,000
1130 Delaware St. - \$271,000
2927 Forest Ave. - \$501,000
630 Hilldale Ave. - \$325,000
902 Hilldale Ave. - \$387,000
1153 Keeler Ave. - \$420,000
3004 Wheeler St. - \$150,000

EL CERRITO
3409 Belmont, 3 - \$378,000
6601 Blake, 3 - \$300,000
549 Colusa Ave. - \$237,000
1421 Everett St. - \$191,000

EL SOBRANTE
4 Dove Lane - \$119,500

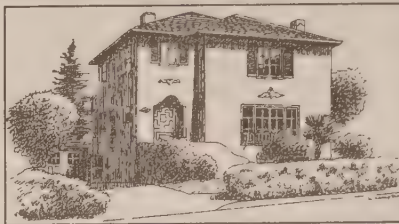
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6363 Christie, 1305 - \$132,500
6363 Christie, 1724 - \$132,500
6363 Christie, 913 - \$130,000
5 Commodore, 202B - \$140,000

OAKLAND
398 Adams, 400 - \$135,000
3562 Boston Ave. - \$150,000
12645 Brookpark - \$271,000
3927 Canon Ave. - \$186,500
108 Catron Dr. - \$145,000
6157 Chelton Dr. - \$439,500
5946 Colton Blvd. - \$345,000
5147 Crockett Pl. - \$292,000
4434 Davenport - \$235,000
5602 Denton Pl. - \$830,000

1018 E. 23rd St. - \$119,500
1949 E. 27th St. - \$119,500
9612 East St. - \$119,500
4515 Elinora Ave. - \$119,500
801 Franklin, 423 - \$119,500
988 Franklin, 423 - \$119,500
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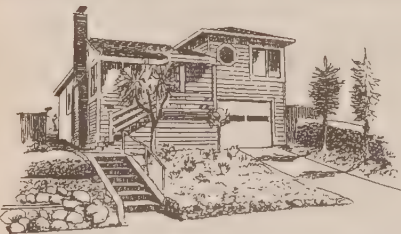
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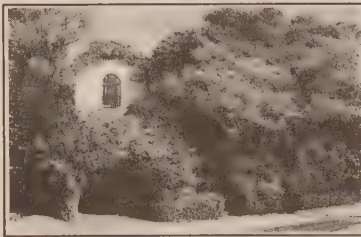
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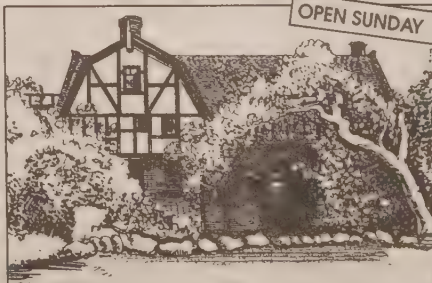
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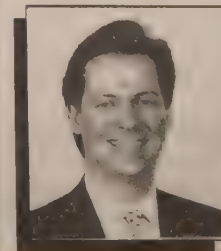
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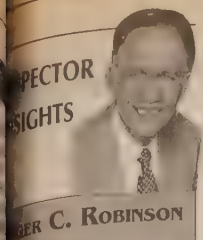


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Regular maintenance can save money on home repairs. Property inspectors often see problems where expensive repairs have been avoided with maintenance. A small step, eliminating wood-to-soil contact, can save thousands of dollars in repair costs. Preventative maintenance and repairs can help protect investment and a properly maintained home can be a source of pride and satisfaction. This column will provide home owners with useful information to help them care for their homes. We all have busy lives and it is difficult to find the time to perform those preventative home maintenance tasks necessary to avoid repair bills. Home sellers will also make good use of this information for changes to make their home a safer place to be. If you have any questions, call Roger C. Robinson at 510-527-8545.

Timely maintenance vital for homeowner

which occur in residences can be avoided by upgrading home safety features.

Handrail and guardrail design requirements have been changed recently to reduce injury accidents that occur on stairways and decks. Untempered glass in doors and large windows can be made safer by having a special plastic safety film applied.

Watch for future articles on these topics:

- **Wood Deck Maintenance.** Wood decks that are exposed to the weather will deteriorate and can eventually become a safety hazard. What to look for in a properly installed deck and how to protect exposed wooden decks and stairways from damage.

- **How to extend the life of your roof.** Proper maintenance can significantly extend the life of your roof, whether it has wood shakes, shingles, tiles or tar and gravel.

- **Dealing effectively with contractors and repair persons;** how to avoid being overcharged or having substandard work performed; how useful is the warranty the contractor and the manufacturer provide?

- **What should furnace maintenance include?** A well maintained furnace will last much longer before needing replacement. Important for safety, proper maintenance can reduce your heating costs and is also...

- **Is your home pest prone?** Some buildings are especially susceptible to moisture entry, the growth of decay fungus, or termites and other insect damage. What you can do to reduce the potential for structural and pest related damage.

- **Should I replace my Federal Pacific Sta-bloc circuit breaker panel?** Federal Pacific brand panels are common and recent reports warn of potential hazards in these panels. How are they likely to fail and what should be done about it.

- **How to install an effective drainage system.** Do you need to add a foundation drainage system? What are the best methods to use and how should a drainage system be installed. A properly designed drainage system can significantly reduce water flow beneath your home.

- **Exposed exterior beams need extra care.** Those exposed roof

Invitation to tour the hills

Ever wonder about those amazing new homes rebuilt after the firestorm in the Oakland Hills? Ever wanted to compare the work of noted architects, artisans, interior designers and landscape architects? Ever curious about one of the most architecturally diverse residential areas of the country, where daring, leading-edge designs stand side by side with classic Craftsman, brown shingle, and even Victorian-influenced homes?

On Sunday, April 13, you'll have your chance to get an insider's look at 10 magnificent homes in the Oakland and Berkeley Hills. The occasion is the 1997 House Tour and Raffle to support The College Preparatory School's financial aid program.

Represented on this year's tour are the works of many of the most distinguished architects - Stanley Saitowitz, Hiroshi Morimoto, Bill Mastin, Harry Jacobs and Jim Orjala among them - plus dozens of prize-winning interior designers, landscape architects, craftspeople and artisans. Many of them will be present in the homes to discuss their accomplishments. The homes run a gamut from New England Clapboard and Makintosh influences to the Southwestern, the Mediterranean, and the totally unique.

Tickets are \$30 each, for admission to all 10 houses. The self-guided tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased at the College Preparatory School on tour day, April 13, and tickets include refreshments throughout the day. The school is located in Oakland at 6100 Broadway.

The College Preparatory School in Oakland seeks an ethnically, culturally, and economically diverse student body that reflects our community. Financial aid is vital to this task. Call 652-6829 for more information.

These topics and more will be covered in future Inspector Insights columns. For additional information see the Star Inspection Group's web site at: <http://www.stargroup.com>.

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and deck support beams can be especially susceptible to weathering and decay.

- **Is your water heater safely installed?** Most of the water heaters we see during our home inspections have one or more safety deficiencies. What are the best methods for earthquake strapping? How to properly install and maintain the pressure - temperature relief valve. How proper care can extend the life of your water heater.

- **How to buy a new roof.** Which roof materials are best for you and how to be sure the roofing is properly installed.

- **Is your roof drainage system effective?** What is the purpose of the roof drainage system? How to determine if your roof drainage system is actually doing the job.

- **Foundation repair.** Does your foundation need repair? What are the various methods available and how to choose among them.

- **Your plumbing system needs regular maintenance too.** Proper plumbing system maintenance can prevent property damaging water leaks and inconvenient waste pipe blockages.

- **Safety and maintenance tips for doors and windows.** Windows and doors need regular maintenance to function properly and provide weather protection, light, ventilation and emergency escape.

- **Watch those stairways.** More people are injured on stairways than anywhere else in the house. Proper design and maintenance can greatly reduce the potential for a fall.

- **What you should know about**

knob-and-tube wiring. Many older homes are wired with knob-and-tube wiring. Should it be removed? What can be done to make old wiring safer?

- **How to tell if you have a buried fuel oil tank.** What should you do if you have one?

These topics and more will be covered in future Inspector Insights columns.

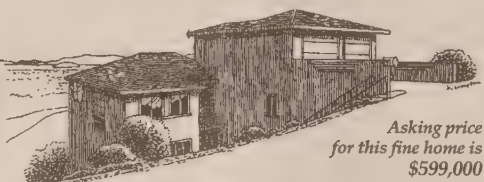
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Restored, 1/2 acre, bay views, pool, spa, gazebo. Georgia Cornell	New listing! Sophisticated & upgraded, private oak tree setting. Teri Carlisle
WINN HILLS, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/3BA.....\$649,500	6624 ESTATES DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....\$349,000
Restored, elegant colonial, spacious formal rms., garden. Roselle Woods	Piedmont side! Lovely tree setting, formal dining. Helen Danhaki:547-5750
CHERRY AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$499,000	1305-B HENRY STREET, BERKELEY - 2BD/2+BA.....\$319,500
Charming and privacy, SF bay views, fabulous kit. Martha Holstlaw	Gorgeous 2-level design, highest quality, 2 mst suites, deck. Joanna Gould
BROADWAY TERRACE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3+BA.....\$498,500	152 GLENWOOD GLADE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1+BA.....\$299,000
Restored 4-yr old contemporary, panoramic views, au pair. Dick Cohen	First open! Cheerful & charming, remodeled kitchen, level yrd. Nancy Chew
FOREST COURT, OAKLAND HILLS - 3BR/3+BA.....\$489,000	4330 TERRABELLA WAY, OAKLAND HILLS - 3BD/2+BA.....\$299,000
New construction, open floor plan, lg. fam. rm. Sandi Klemmer	New listing! Stunning baycity view, mst suite, hwd floors. Donna DeBardi
PIEDMONT ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3+BA.....\$459,900	341 OLIVE AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 2BD/1BA.....\$259,900
Restored wooded retreat, open flr plan, 2 mst suites. Donna Costella	Fixer with potential. Hill view, formal dining, level back yard. Lee Jacobson
CLAREWOOD, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/1+BA.....\$459,000	4442 CLAREWOOD DRIVE, ROCKRIDGE - 2BD/2+BA.....\$239,000
Restored traditional large, sunny level lot, lush gardens. Wendy Gardner	New listing! Lovely sunny townhouse, private patio & decks. Dee Knowland
WILKIN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$409,000	4458 ELINORA AVE., REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/1BA.....\$232,000
New dramatic home in private setting, loft mstr suite. Chuck Corwin	Lovely home, remodeled kit, new roof, backyd & garden. Diane Earl McCan
SCOTT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/1+BA.....\$399,000	75 MISSION HILLS, OAKLAND HILLS - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$210,000
French doors to slate patio, park-like level yard. Joan Hause	New listing! Sharp end unit townhouse, great bay view, fam rm. Robyn Mohr
MANIC WAY, MONTCLAIR - 2/1.5 + 1/1.....\$395,000	3952 PATTERSON, LAUREL - 2+BD/1+BA.....\$169,000
Charming secluded English Tudor w/ sep. cottage. Kathy Flynn	Cute & sunny, updated kit/bath, retrofitted, yard, basement. Pat Dedekian
BRAGA AVENUE, PIEDMONT.....\$389,000	
Open space, rumpus, great yard, deck, gar. Martha Holstlaw	

BY APPOINTMENT

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PROUD TRADITIONAL - PIEDMONT.....\$1,750,000	PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP!.....\$315,000
Restored with French touches. Perfect for entertaining	Piedmont side of Montclair. 2+BD/2BA, rumpus, hwd flrs, 2 frpls, enclosed patio, terraced gardens, 2-car gar. Wendy Gardner
Beautiful private gardens and pool. 6BD/4+BA. Sally Morrison	BEAUTIFUL BLOOMING GARDENS.....\$299,000
Stunning SF/GG views.....\$1,450,000	Versatile floor plan, 4BD/3+BA, remodeled kit, beautiful marble & glass brick flrpl, office w/sep. entrance & bath. Donna DeBardi
Spacious custom home w/sweeping views. Dramatic entry, 5+BD/4+BA, huge party rm w/ wet bar, oversized garage. Robyn Mohr	GRACIOUS CITY LIVING.....\$298,000
Restored & sophisticated - PIEDMONT.....\$995,000	Beautifully remodeled with many upgrades. SF/bay views, 3BD/3BA, exquisite kit, fam rm, deep lot with garden. Diane E. McCan
Completely remodeled, beautiful entry, unobstructed panoramic views, 3BD/3BA, decks, 2 fireplaces, den. Dee Dee Bonham	LINCOLN HEIGHTS.....\$260,000
UPPER ROCKRIDGE HOME.....\$665,000	Sunny corner lot on cul-de-sac. 3BD/1+BA, updated kit, gleaming oak flrs, bonus rm, patio, rear deck with garden. Kathleen Callahan
Restored house approx. 4 years old. 3BD/3+BA, bay view from master suite, family rm, formal DR, 2 frpls, basement. Donna DeBardi	COZY MONTCLAIR FIXER.....\$199,000
WATER GARDEN SETTING.....\$549,000	2BD/1BA, formal dining room, flrpl, hwd floors, 2 plus rooms, breakfast nook, large level out back yard, garage. Kathy Flynn
Restored contemporary w/bay views. Dramatic entry, 4BD/3+BA, 2 mst suites, formal DR, spacious kit/fam rm. Wendy Gardner	FIRST TIME BUYERS!.....\$179,000
Restored - RIDGEMONT.....\$415,000	Great opportunity, charming cosmetic floor, 2BD/2BA with plus room, good outdoor space, Montclair schools. Teri Carlisle
Restored on a quiet cul-de-sac with wonderful outdoor living on level lot. 4BD/3BA, family room, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr	QUIET CUL-DE-SAC.....\$139,000
Restored - RIDGEMONT.....\$399,000	Cute 2BD/1BA bungalow, formal dining room with built-ins, large eat-in kitchen, laundry area, 2-car garage. Thomas Wurst
Restored Former model home, 2 frpls, 3BD/2+BA, spacious kitchen, huge patio/garden areas, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr	

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-5, 1874 YOSEMITE ROAD. John Hudson Thomas masterpiece in prestigious Thousand Oaks! 7BR, 5.5BA, fam rm, 1/3 acre lot, extensive updating & seismic retrofitting! Bebe McRae ext. 145.....\$1,300,000

NEW PARK HILLS LISTING! Elegant Frederick Confer design! 4BR, 3BA, light & extremely private. Walled garden court with loggia for indoor - outdoor living & entertaining. Tricia Swift ext. 140.....\$635,000

35 PARKSIDE DR, Open Sun. 2-4:30. Offered at a new price. Tudor landmark in Claremont. Extraordinary opp. in our finest loc. Paul Templeton ext. 131.....\$575,000 "AS IS"

1625 PORTLAND AVENUE, Open Sunday 2-4. Beautiful 2BR, 1BA, w/great yard. Leslie Avant ext. 122.....\$279,500

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Impressionist painter Van Waldron hosts the **Art Sale: Something for Everyone**, daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April 10 at Number 30, Jack London Square, upstairs in the Jack London Village Exhibition Hall. Buy art directly from 50 Bay Area artists at excellent prices. A graduate of Cal and the Art Institute, Waldron has won over 300 national and regional

awards. An artists' reception will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sun., March 23 at the Exhibition Hall.

PHD Design Group invites you to an innovative series of **Redecorating Workshops** continuing through Fri., April 25. Geared toward the cost-conscious do-it-yourselfer, these workshops will cover topics ranging from buying and decorating with antiques to using existing furniture to create a new look. The workshops will be held at 5 Captain Dr. in Emeryville. Call Phyllis Johnson at 763-3488 for more information.

Mason-McDuffie's Berkeley office presents a **Garden Faire and Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat., April 5 at 2855 Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley. Join Mason-McDuffie as the company plants seeds of inspiration while supporting two community youth gardening organizations. Donations of seedlings and slipped plants are appreciated. Call 845-0200 more information.

The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to start your

dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., April 5 BEC presents designer/builder Andrus Brandt's **Fences and Garden Structures: Hands-On**. Contractor/mediator Ron Kelly will show you **How to Get Your Permit Approved**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

The El Cerrito Garden Club invites you to an **April Morning of Herbal Pleasures**, 9:30 a.m., Thurs., April 10 at the El Cerrito

Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Enjoy a tasting adventure with refreshments using herbs in creative recipes along with an herbal boutique with potpourri, vinegars, sachets.

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Who is the #1 Real Estate Agent in Montclair?

Source: East Bay Multiple Listing Service



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Once again I have been successful at capturing the largest share of home sales in Montclair, thanks to you. Here are the home sales in which I have participated through April 1, 1997:

Address	Price	Sq. Ft.	BR/BA	Address	Price	Sq. Ft.	BR/BA
5575 Hilltop Crescent	\$850,000	5,802	4/3	2369 Thackery Dr	301,000	1,864	3/3
71 Sonia St	545,000	0	4/3	6409 Zinn Dr	278,000	2,179	3/2
6900 Armour Dr	543,000	3,000	4/3	11445 Sun Valley Dr	295,000	2,181	5/2
5 Weeblythen	542,500	0	5/3	659 Valle Vista Ave	269,000	2,108	3/1
9009 Broadway Terr	480,000	3,300	4/2	240 Monte Vista Ave	267,000	1,593	2/2
3410 Crane Way	489,000	2,500	4/2	5262 Boyd Ave	232,000	1,288	3/1
249 Sheridan Rd	429,000	3,200	4/2.5	1424 Everett Ave	238,250	1,619	3/2
201 Uranus Ave	450,000	0	4/2	45 Merriewood Ct	214,500	984	2/1
2699 Haverhill Dr	416,500	2,619	4/3	2 Merlin Ct	214,000	1,752	4/2
5910 Ascot Dr	405,000	2,860	4/3	4610 Mattis Ct	208,500	2,057	3/2
81 Skyway Ln	400,000	0	4/3	2237 Trafalgar Pl	199,000	2,518	3/2
91 Nova Dr	386,000	1,724	2/1	528 Haddon Rd	172,000	2,068	4/2
5850 Pinewood Rd	380,000	2,179	4/2	528 Haddon Rd	172,000	2,068	4/2
453 Scenic Ave	362,000	1,815	2/2	192 Balsam Way	192,250	0	2/1
152 Wildwood Ave	337,000	1,208	3/1	85 Strathmoor Dr	165,000	0	
6477 Oakwood Dr	309,000	1,844	3/2				

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Dean Flint, J.D., University of California (Berkeley) School of Law, is a licensed California attorney (1971) and real estate broker (1986). Before law school, Dean served in the Marine Corps, earned a B.A. in history, and worked five years as an insurance claims adjuster. For 25 years, Dean commuted from Albany and then from El Cerrito, to his law office in San Francisco, and to trials, mediations and arbitrations throughout the Bay Area, as a litigation defense attorney, major insurance companies and was himself a court-appointed arbitrator, before he retired from practicing law in order to work together with Vena in their own community.

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Events...

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 "Cooking" and Ann Mo-
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 Herbs." Call Dee Prun at
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 home or to start turning your
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 hale" author Terry McMillan who
 is writing about the house for Ar-
 chitectural Digest. Seating is lim-
 ited and reservations must be made
 by April 3. Call Berkeley Mills at
 549-2854 for reservations and in-
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 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri., April 11 and 11
 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., April 12 at the
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**Third Annual Visions of San
 Francisco Flower Show**, at the
 Center for the Arts, Yerba Buena
 Gardens. Entrants prepare months
 in advance for this popular event
 and judges will come from all over
 the country to award prizes.

The Alameda County Waste
 Management Authority presents a
 free **Basic Home Composting
 Workshop**, rain or shine, 10 a.m. to

noon Sat., April 12 at the Oakland
 Compost Demonstration Garden at
 Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Gar-
 den Center building on Bellevue
 Ave. off Grand Ave. Learn how to
 compost home and garden waste
 and transform trash into free fertil-
 izer. Call 635-6275 for more infor-
 mation.

Truitt & White Lumber Co. pre-
 sents a free contractor seminar: **1997
 ADA/California Disabled Acts
 Regulations**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.,
 Sat., April 12 at 642 Hearst Ave. in
 Berkeley. Take this opportunity to
 hear from Berkeley's Neil Rains,
 AIA and expert in residential and


light commercial ADA code re-
 quirements. Call 841-0511 for more
 information.

The College Preparatory School
 invites you to its **1997 House Tour
 and Raffle**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun.,
 April 13. Enjoy the daring, leading
 edge designs that stand side by side
 with classic Craftsman, Brown
 Shingle and Victorian-era-influ-
 enced homes. Talk with some of the
 prize-winning designers, landscape
 architects, craftspeople and artisans
 who created these designs. The \$30
 ticket includes admission to all 10
 homes on this year's tour and re-
 freshments throughout the day. Call

652-6829 for tickets and more in-
 formation.

The International Capital Group
 presents Adiel Gorel's free semi-
 nar **Buying Excellent Leveraged
 Real Estate**, 7:30 p.m. Mon., April
 14 at the Holiday Inn, Emeryville,
 1800 Powell St. Learn how to iden-
 tify the best real estate markets, buy
 with excellent leverage, obtain low-
 downpayment fixed rate loans and
 use the tax benefits available to real
 estate investors. Call (415) 927-
 7504 for more information.

The Building Education Center
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 DUCED! A lot that needs to be cleared
 (trees, lawn, etc.) Call Kathy Hirsch 814-4708

4000-489,000 320-324 TENTH ST.
 Office/condo! Price list and
 plans are available! Tere Lee
 521-3352

4000 1975 81st AVE. Lot zoned for up
 to 100,000 sq. ft. Great for contractor! Richard
 814-4837

4000 3777 HOWE #309. Great loca-
 tion! Walk to Piedmont Ave. Spacious 1
 bedroom in security complex, near bus
 stop. Peter Fletcher 523-5750

4000 2142 34th AVE. Large 4 BD,
 2 BA bungalow located on a creekside
 lot. Needs lots of work! Formal dining,
 kitchen, fireplace & garage! Kathy
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4000 625 MADISON #208. Spacious
 2 BD, 2 BA corner unit with 2
 balconies. Convenient to shopping & free-
 parking! Tere Lee 521-3352

4000 2007 HIGH. Three units! One 3
 bed, 2 BD, & one 1 BD, separately
 metered units all with 1 BA! Garage for 3
 cars. Convenient to shopping & transportation!
 Tere Lee 521-3352

4000 2621 CARMEL. Pristine 1-level
 bungalow in lovely neighborhood.
 Upgrades, lots of plus space, nice
 yard with fruit trees, workshop & ga-
 rage! Kathy Hirsch 814-4708 & Darlene
 865-3479

4000 4041 MAYBELLE, OPEN SAT.
 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA home with large
 wide hallway, huge rec/bonus room,
 wrap area in 2-car garage & huge
 wrap area in basement! Patio in back
 with built-in planter & large tool shed!
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4000 3923 BROADWAY. Unique com-
 mercial! Fresh remodeled, new bar, meet-
 ing room, offices, restrooms,
 waiting area, etc. Call Kathy Hirsch 814-4835

4000 4349 BRIAR CLIFF. Spectacu-
 lar! 4 BD, 3 BA, 2 fireplaces, and bay! Very
 nice! Call Kathy Hirsch 814-4708 & Darlene
 865-3479

San Leandro

\$179,500 2519 GALLEON, OPEN SUN.
 2-4. Many upgrades, quiet location! A
 tastefully decorated 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA
 townhome with appliances included, tile
 entry, fireplace & community pool! Tere
 Lee 521-3352

\$179,500 2517 GALLEON, OPEN SUN.
 2-4. This 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA townhome is
 located in a quiet location & includes a
 fireplace, community pool, spa & tennis
 court! Tere Lee 521-3352

\$225,000 170 HARLAN. Unique invest-
 ment opportunity! Zone commercial 3 BD,
 1 BA Victorian. **PENDING** 3A unit under-
 neath. Upholstered top plus 2 BD, 1 BA
 split-level house! Great Aerial! Kathy Hirsch
 814-4708

San Lorenzo

\$209,000 15829 DEVONWOOD. Lots of
 upgrades in this 4 BD, 2 1/2 BA Heritage
 home! Sever **PENDING**, family room,
 fireplace, 2-car garage! Close to parking,
 shopping, park & schools! Bev & George
 Williams 522-7173

Hayward

\$113,500 260 FLINT. An excellent 2 BD,
 2 BA condo with fireplace, modern kitchen,
 laundry & small but nice yard! Peter
 Fletcher 523-5750

Castro Valley


\$179,000 3472 MIDDLETON. Ready to
 move in! Cute 1 1/2 story 3D home with
 hardwood fl. **PENDING**, view of hills & 2-
 car garage! Tere Lee 521-3352

Albany

\$167,000 709 JOHNSON. Immaculate 2
 BD starter home in move-in condition!
 Hardwood floors, **SOLD** sun in kitchen,
 near shopping, transportation & good
 schools, attached garage! Connie Hanna
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\$190,000 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!
 Family-owned business for 35 years! This
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HEART OF EL CERRITO / New Listing.....\$220,000
 3BR, 2BA with spa, tile kitchen, workshop in yard, detached deck, appx.
 1500 sq. ft., hwd flrs, 1-car gar. #W40296 Pat Prendiville 510-758-0314

GREAT BAY VIEW HOME IN THE HILLS / MOVE-IN COND!!.....\$229,000
 2BR, 2.5BA, master suite with full bath, 2 fireplaces, garage with large
 bonus room, new neutral carpet, new paint, almost 1,600 sq. ft.
 #W39915 Geri Stern 510-234-7808

HILL HOME WITH BAY VIEW.....\$229,500
 3+BR, 1.5BA, 2-car garage, deck, yard, quiet street, over 1,900 sq. ft. -
 hurry! #W39551 Paul Triplett 510-223-3287

MILLION DOLLAR VIEW.....\$265,000
 2BR, 1BA, 1 level rancher, excellent condition, garage, yard, fabulous
 neighborhood! Total sale. #W40106 Magary Abbess 510-233-7329

EXCELLENT LOCATION / CITY LIGHTS / Price reduced again!!.....\$269,900
 3BR, 2BA, over 1,800 sq. ft. on a secluded street in the hills. Ultra clean
 1/4 acre lot. New lino in kitchen, hardwood floors. #W38623
 Ed Messner 510-799-3527

KENSINGTON

GORGEOUS BAY AND CITY VIEW.....\$369,000
 3BR, 2BA, level-in 1-story rancher, 1,810 sq. ft., 2-car att. gar, over 1/3
 acre lot, new paint in/out, formal dining, refinished hwd flrs, new Berber
 carpets. 28 Highgate Ct., Open Sun. 4/6, 2-4. Geri Stern 510-234-7808

RICHMOND VIEW

COMPLETE RENOVATION.....\$139,950
 2BR, 1BA, family room, new carpets, new paint, remodeled kitchen, 1-car
 attached garage, fireplace, partial view. #W38904
 Michele Manzone 510-222-2644

BAY VIEW DUPLEX / INCOME PROPERTY.....\$130,000
 Rare opportunity for a property you can comfortably live in and also
 produce excellent income. "As is" sale. Over 2,200 sq. ft. Two 2-car
 garages! Lot to 7,350 sq. ft., large owners unit, ample other unit. #5553
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ANOTHER RENOVATION!.....\$179,900
 3BR, 2.5BA, new roof, new paint, new carpet, BANK OWNED! Family
 rm, 1-car gar, almost 1800 sq. ft. #W39098 Jack Burns Jr. 707-864-8870

CASTLE FOR SALE.....\$187,000
 1503 Sequoia Ave., newer house + guest house. Wall to ceiling fireplace,
 big fabulous kitchen, adjacent to Wildcat Canyon. #W38665
 Cynthia Burke 800-262-0949

OLD WORLD CHARM / NEAR EL CERRITO BORDER.....\$269,950
 4BR, 3BA, over 2,500 sq. ft., 2-car detached garage, beautiful hardwood,
 modern kitchen, formal dining room, fireplace, bonus room and base-
 ment. #W39611 Carolyn Dopp 510-223-6700



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6115 ROCKRIDGE BLVD. SOUTH. Unique, sunny, dramatic 3BD/2BA. Great
 Rockridge location, fireplace, dining rm, landscaped yard, garage. Stan Hammond 839-5846

7130 HOMEWOOD. New listing! Woodsy 2BD Montclair contemporary
 on deep, private lot. Like Tahoe in the city! Wendy Callaghan 839-9197

4224 LA CRESTA. What a deal! 4BD/2BA in move-in condition. Remodeled
 kitchen & bath. Walk to S.F. bus & elementary school. Chris Christensen 531-7000 ext. 242

3715 ELSTON. Major price reduction! Charming Spanish Mediterranean
 3BD/2BA, large family room. Painted in & out. Don Dunning 482-2256

3526 MONTEREY BLVD. OPEN 1-4! Large custom 2BD/2BA
 huge lot. Redwood Heights district. Carrie Craig 357-7772

3947 ARDLEY. Large sunny 3 bedroom, plus room for office/nursery, formal
 dining, craftsman details, hardwood floors, level yard. Nancy Novick 482-2392

4665 BENEVIDES. Pristine Glenview bungalow 2BD/1BA, quiet cul-de-sac,
 great yard, hwd, workshop/utility, retrofit. Best neighbors. Reduced! Katie Meadow 531-7000

2928 SHEFFIELD AVE. 1st time open. Charming traditional, move-in condition, LR
 with frpl, beautiful hwd floors, eat-in kitchen, 2 car attached garage. Jaya Bhimani 482-0860

376 ORANGE #2. Mediterranean townhouse with courtyard entry. Distinctive
 1930's details. 2 bedrooms, corner frpl, hardwood, garage. Noll Davis 531-9536

4502 BROOKDALE AVE. Maxwell Park charmer! 2BD craftsman with plus rm for
 office or den. Dining with built-ins, decks & 2-car garage. Kate Phillips 436-4100

SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT

CENTRAL PIEDMONT. New listing! Walk to schools, recreation and
 transportation from 3BD/2BA traditional ranch style home. Wendy Callaghan 531-7000

NO. OAKLAND INCOME PROPERTY. Triplex + single family home. Very
 Attractive. 3 garages. Investor or owner-occupier. Stan Hammond 839-5846

CHARM & QUALITY. Beautifully upgraded craftsman. 3BD/2BA
 Near BART and restaurants. Garage and small yard. Judy Farrell 531-7000

NO. OAKLAND CRAFTSMAN. Old world charm. Needs cosmetic work. Upstairs 2BD.
 1BA, LR, DR, big kit, kny. Dwn 3 finished bonus rms & kit, PCR ava. Must see! Frank Hennefer 654-6461

CALIFORNIA CRAFTSMAN. New listing! 2-story shingled ext., Temescal dist. 2+BD/
 1+BA. Full bsmt down. Walk to BART or Pied. Ave. Duplex pot. "AS IS" price. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

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 Adams Point. Secure parking, balcony. Judy Farrell 531-7000

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Saddle Brook - \$296,000
Santa Ray Ave. - \$206,000
Snake Rd. - \$310,000
Spruce St. - \$207,000
Warrior Ct. - \$246,000
Whackery Dr. - \$301,000

PIEDMONT
Howard Ave. - \$269,000
Gulch - \$1,500,000
St. James Dr. - \$380,000

SAN LEANDRO
137th Ave. - \$148,000
Begier Ave. - \$180,000

886 Casanova Dr. - \$185,000
15096 Costela St. - \$170,000
3595 Del Monte - \$145,000
258 Estabrook, 4 - \$137,500
1656 Fairmont Dr. - \$150,000
723 Flume Ct. - \$210,000
16094 Gramercy Dr. - \$140,000
14651 Juniper St. - \$166,000
15124 Juniper St. - \$194,000
1436 Montrose Dr. - \$308,000
1725 Russ Ave. - \$129,000
700 Sybil Ave. - \$194,000
807 Thornton St. - \$125,000
14595 Washington - \$147,500
2045 W. Ave. 135th - \$142,000
14960 Western Ave. - \$143,000

SAN LORENZO
1960 Bandoni Ave. - \$165,000

1342 Culver, P1 - \$143,500
1302 Culver Pl. - \$118,500
927 Lynn Court - \$134,000
17103 Via Flores - \$169,000
17105 V. Magdalena - \$155,000
1437 Via Manzanos - \$170,000
1534 Via Mesa - \$150,000
18037 Via Rincon - \$145,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$106,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$348,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$242,888

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$90,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$132,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$833,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$375,892

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$191,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$378,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$276,500

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$119,500

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$130,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$140,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$133,750

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 32
LOWEST PRICE: \$99,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$830,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$238,781

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$269,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,500,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$716,333

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 18
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$308,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$167,444

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$118,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$170,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$150,000

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For more information contact:

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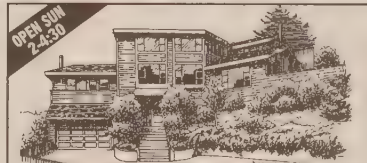
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New construction, 3BR 3.5BA, gorgeous kitchen w/ stainless steel appl. unbelievable views of the bay/bridges hwdw flrs, frml DR, LR w/ fireplace, den, frmly rm, decks
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NEW LISTING IN PIEDMONT PINES \$353,000
Gorgeous 3 BR, 2.5BA contemp only 6 yrs new. Kiln/FR combo, huge frml DR, LR w/ frpic, decks galore, great mstr retreat. Top of the world views of bridges & Bay.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



SPACIOUS PIEDMONT PINES CONTEMP \$440,000
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, formal dining room, family room/kitchen combo, rumpus room, expansive decks, gorgeous settings
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400



JUST LISTED THIS IRISH COTTAGE \$399,000
Henry Gutterson design for the discerning buyer who has always dreamed of owning an architectural masterpiece. A prized share of Berkeley history. Must see
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



1910 ELEGANCE -1997 INCOME! \$359,000
Elegant Adams Point Mansion. Gigantic 1st floor 2+1/2 flat retains original grandeur. Also legal 9-unit rooming house. Versatile usage Produces \$60,000/year!
LYN MURRAY/D.C. HODGES 339-8400



CHARMING MONTCLAIR TUDOR \$359,500
This home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, remodeled kitchen, lovely gardens, hot tub, new roof, retrofitted, hardwood floors, terrific value.
VICKIE CHAN-CASE 339-8400 EXT. 240



OAKMORE WITH BAY VIEW \$319,000
Charming traditional w/ lovely gardens. Gleaming plank hardwood floors, French doors, 2BR, 1.5 + .5 BA, formal dining, recreation rm. Updated, upgraded.
HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400



NEW LISTING-20s CLASS ACT \$225,000
Gumwood trim & gorgeous hardwood floors highlight this special 3BR 1+BA split level home. Work ship, utility area & room to expand. Open Sunday 2-4:30 Call now. **EARLE SHENK 287-9590**

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

ESTATE SIZED, RESORT-LIKE! \$749,000
Just listed! Sophisticated and spacious on 1+ acre, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, library, formal dining, gourmet kitchen with family room. So private! Swimming pool and sauna.
HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

PIEDMONT - SUNNY AND CENTRAL \$619,000
Everyone has a room of their own in this gracious traditional, 9 rms in all plus a big basement. Lovely professionally landscaped yard, built-ins, etc.
HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

WALK TO EAST BAY PARK TRAILS \$489,000
Reduced! Montclair like-new cond with pretty Mt. Tam and canyon views. Flexible floor plan has 3BR, 3.5BA and many extra spaces. Lg. private deck, tool
LYN MURRAY 339-8400

MONTCLAIR'S FINEST \$449,000
Quality custom design on double lot. Woodsy setting, visiting deer, soaring ceilings, skylights, hardwood floors, massive stone fireplace, approximately 2800 square feet.
M. J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

CONTEMPORARY ROCK OF GIBRALTAR \$449,000
Open Sunday large 10-year old family home with 2 bedroom main floor. FDR. Lovely backyard and deck. Large eat-in kitchen. Montclair schools. 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath.
CARIN CAROE 339-8400

SMASHING CONTEMP, GORGEOUS VIEW \$435,000
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, separate LR, formal dining, fabulous kitchen, kitchen family room combo, elaborate master bedroom/bath, wrap-around decks, rich wood, soaring cathedral ceilings. Must see.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

A YARD TO DIE FOR! \$399,000
Enjoy Montclair living and a fabulous yard, tool Add great deck space and a family room leading to the yard-and more.
MICHAEL HARDING 654-2669

LOOKING FOR VALUE? \$339,000
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath with great architectural design, glass kitchen, kitchen family room combo, elaborate master bedroom/bath, wrap-around decks, rich wood, soaring cathedral ceilings. Must see.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

TOP OF THE WORLD VIEWS \$329,000
Bright sunny & open 3 bedroom with views of Mt. Diablo and San Francisco. An open courtyard greets the visitor as the vistas unfold.
KEVIN BLATTEL 339-8400

LIGHT AND AIRY \$299,500
Terrific value in this 3BR, 2BA contemp. vaulted ceilings, wonderful can wvs w/spectacular outdoor scenery. Gigantic frmly rm, bright EIK, mst. ste w/deck
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

BERKELEY STYLE LVG. IN OAKLAND \$299,000
Lovely brown shingle in the best area of Glenview. Large separate space perfect for extended family or office. Nice decks and yard.
MICHAEL HARDING 654-2669

CROCKER TRADITIONAL \$290,000
3 BR, 1.5 BA-LR w/ fireplace, frml dining room, hwdw flrs, large deck view Lake Merritt & downtown, large bonus rm for home off. or play.
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x216

COUNTRY RETREAT/GARDEN HOME \$284,500
New look, close-in location, walls of glass and redwood. Private patio and large yard, 2 brick fireplaces, vaulted ceiling & hwdw floors. Open Sun. 2-4:30.
RACHEL BAILER 339-8400

GLORIOUS GLENVIEW TRADITION \$279,000
Large rooms, with space to grow or rent. Currently used as triplex, can be returned to huge home and income, too
KEVIN BLATTEL 339-8400

LOVELY SEQUOIA AREA \$279,000
Move in condition, fantastic outdoors gardens-formal DR family Rm off kit w/frpl marble entry and baths truly a must see.
HAL MARCUS 339-9281

TRIPLEX NEAR LAKE MERRITT \$277,000
2-2 bedrooms & 1 studio, steady tenants, 2 garages, 3 year old roof, common laundry, walk to Lake & transportation.
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x 216

ATTN: CONTRACTORS/INVESTORS \$275,000
Back on the market! Grand Lake area. Huge 3 story, 14 rm house on large corner lot zoned R-70. Now a rooming house. About \$42,000 income. Sold "as is." **KEN FERRILL 339-8400**

4 BEDROOMS & 2 CAR GARAGE \$269,000
Open Sunday! Meticulously maintained home. Fireplace, hardwood all over. Private driveway to rear of house.
TOM NEMETH 339-8400

INVESTOR'S DELIGHT \$259,000
Just listed! This wonderful four-plex, 1BR, 1BA units, hwdw flrs, extra storage. Walking distance to Piedmont Ave. Great income. Parking space w/ea. unit.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

REDUCED! QUALITY IN MONTCLAIR \$259,000
You won't beat the price and the condition on this 3BR, 2BA beauty ready for occupancy. Formal DR, hardwood floors, low maintenance. Don't miss this!
EDITH MARCUS 289-5886

TRANQUILITY AT DAY'S END \$239,000
Bright, sunny and ready for you to enjoy vistas and views of SF, Bay, & canyons. Very peaceful & quiet. Private drive, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
KEVIN BLATTEL 339-8400

"ALMOST" HILLTOP CONTEMPORARY \$229,000
Just reduced! Pristine contemporary 4 BR, 2.5 BA home. Tastefully updated kit., huge family room, formal dining. Best value in Chabot highlands.
STEVEN BIASATTI 339-6160 x239

THE GAY '20s LIFESTYLE \$219,000
Will be possible again amid the warm gum wood paneling & built-ins with piano included. The kitchen and bath are fully updated to '90's style.
JIM SCHUBERT 436-6683

FIXER WITH A FUTURE \$219,000
Glenview fixer with potential. Sunny rooms, solid construction, private terraced yard, & spacious floor plan, neglected interior, fix up with little down.
ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

NEED ROOM FOR HOBBIES \$209,000
Just reduced! Extra large lot w/ multi-car parking. Nicely remodeled bungalow w/2+ bedrooms & beautiful bath. full basement, bonus room & bath.
M. J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

LOVINGLY MAINTAINED CLASSIC \$197,000
Clean as a whistle 5BR, 2BA in desirable San Leandro North area. formal dining w/ built ins & wainscoting. New roof & found. Super sharp & ready to go.
EARLE SHENK 287-9590

A PALACE FOR A PITTPANCE \$189,000
Just listed landmark 1906 craftsman. Huge elegant rooms, 4BR, stairs up to large attic, set in large yard for a serene turn-of-century lifestyle.
JIM SCHUBERT 436-6683

PRIME DIMOND DUPLEX \$189,000
Great location on large lot with room for additional units. One 2+ bedroom unit and one 3 bedroom unit. Excellent condition.
HARRY KRESS 339-8400

THE CHOICE IS YOURS \$185,000
Just reduced! Live in one, rent the other or convert back to charming traditional. Incredible value as duplex or home. Great area and condition.
M. J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

IS IT MANHATTAN? IT'S BETTER... \$159,500-\$167,900
The Regillus on Lake Merritt, a grand landmark! 2 gracious condo. homes, each 2 BR, lake & city views, wood burning flpic. Doorman, garden amenities.
HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

HUGE POTENTIAL, GREAT LOCATION \$150,000
Well located, with huge potential. First time on market. Sold strictly "as is."
PHIL WEINGROW 339-8400

STARTER'S HOME-LAUREL \$149,000
Above 580, charming Spanish/Mediterranean 3 bedroom, 1bath, hardwood floors, sunny rooms, flowering yard. Move-in condition, garage.
MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

WRAP-AROUND 3-WAY PANORAMIC VIEW \$145,000
Huge glass-walled living-dining rm w/ balcony beyond. Over 1,500 sq. ft. hi-rise full security city home. Spectacular roof garden. Walk to BART. Easy living!
D. C. HODGES 339-8400

TERRIFIC FIRST-TIME INVESTMENT \$139,000
Duplex of 3 BR, 2BA units well-kept & only 10 years old! Only 6.4 times annual rents plus low expenses, projected 20% cash return, near Emeryville.
JIM SCHUBERT 436-6683

NEW SEASON NEW PRICE SAME HSE \$126,000
Spring has sprung. Rates are springing. You should leap at the chance to buy this traditional 2+BR/1+BA bungalow w/ hardwood fls, fireplace, garage and more.
NICK LAVROV 339-8400

UNBELIEVABLE MEDITERRANEAN \$119,000
Mills College Mediterranean offers formal dining, crown moldings, built-ins, bleached hardwoods, full basement, remodeled kitchen, and plus room for computer.
SHERDELLA SIMS 287-9586

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front walkway didn't seem very important to us.

But after the other, extensive work had been done and the sprayer-wash man had come, it was easy to see that our contractor friend had been right. A clean walk has quite an impact.

Ever since that experience I'd been planning to have my concrete front porch and large patio at the back of my house washed. Last summer I even called around to get prices but never got any further.

Our wet winter had left moss all over my concrete and now I was dying to see if our new machine would work.

A few days later when the kids were at school, I opened the power-washer box, looked at all the parts and read every word of the instruction manual. Anet, more mechanically inclined by far than I, was busy doing something else. But by the time I'd decided I could avoid electrocution and had assembled the parts, she couldn't stand it and came to see what I was doing.

I switched on the machine and started spraying. Clean strips of pavement slowly appeared, as the moss was erased by the swift stream of water.

"It works but it's going to take forever," I shouted to Anet over the noise of the machine.

"Let me try," Anet said. And

with that she was lost to all else in life for a number of hours.

She is a natural. I left it to her, helping by moving things out of her way, positioning the machine behind her, arranging the hoses for maximum ease of motion.

"Sure, try, go ahead. Wash the fireplace too," I said when she inquired. "Yeah, and the wood steps."

On she went, spraying and pulling the little washer behind her.

We couldn't believe how well it worked. Seemingly tons of moss and dirt melted away, years of muddy accumulation. We were completely mesmerized watching everything become lighter and lighter by shades.

When Anet finally stopped washing that afternoon and came inside the house, her pants and shoes sopping wet and dirty, she said, "I've got to stay away from that thing. I just can't stop."

We discussed the finer points of spray washing. Dirt splashes up on the house and has to be washed off. Washing leaves the windows dirty. Loose and thinly applied house paint disappears in

the mist.

"I'm afraid you'll have to repaint that door," Anet told me. "But I think it's the only damage I did."

She said she'd wear her high rubber boots the next time and I teased her that this could be her second job; we could rent her and the machine out. And maybe she could do the front porch soon, such a small job.

The next day, planning to take only an hour or so, Anet washed my front porch. Warmed up now, she moved on to the brick paths and steps.

"Should I clean all the bricks?" she shouted. "See, they look brand new when they're washed."

"I don't know," I shouted back. "Maybe you shouldn't wash them quite so clean. I kind of like the old brick look."

So she cleaned some bricks "new" and left others with a used look. And when she was done, she began to clean my extensive concrete driveway.

"Who would believe it could look this good?" I cheered. "It's beautiful."

On she went, out into the street, spraying and pulling the little washer behind her.

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agencies, the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund.

BIF and SAIF have a single parent, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), but they are currently separate funds. However, The Board of Directors at the FDIC, which makes recommendations to Congress, recently told Congress the two should be merged. American Banker Newspaper called the proposed merger the FDIC's next legislative priority.

Last year there was enough money in these funds' coffers to allow a reduction in the premiums members pay. Congress sets the premium level. "BIF is too full," said Carl Brancatelli at the FDIC in San Francisco. "As a result, good rated commercial banks as opposed to S & L's are paying almost nothing per year. The minimum is \$2,000. Bank of America with billions in deposits pays \$2,000 per year. The troubled banks pay more, probably 30 cents per \$100 dollars of deposits."

For years we had two totally separate deposit insurance companies with two distinct sets of rules. The FSLIC covered thrifts and the FDIC covered banks. But when the FSLIC went bankrupt, it was absorbed by the FDIC.

Which is why things stand as they do at the moment: separate

insurance companies, same parent or administrator. New regulations were written and at the moment we do have a uniform set of rules governing both.

The FDIC has been around for more than 50 years. Their brochure proclaims that the fund, "has paid every cent of insurance claims on insured deposits at member institutions."

Now that it covers all federally insured deposits in the country, the FDIC has a lot of power. It determines the best way to solve problems for financially troubled institutions and helps prevent default or failure of these institutions.

The biggest stick the FDIC has in its arsenal is terminating the insurance policy of offending organizations. However, that's supposed to be a last resort. Before they take that step the FDIC has the power to remove officers and directors, place the institution under new management, even merge an ailing with a healthy institution.

Generally speaking, all banks and savings and loans are either federally or state chartered and are either publicly or privately owned. Except for certain foreign agencies, to operate a depository in this country, all must have deposit insurance.

There are a number of different federal agencies under which a depository may be created, such as the Office of Thrift Supervi-

sion or the Federal Reserve. If an institution is not a member of the FDIC, it cannot be a member of the FDIC.

That is not the case with state chartered institutions. They are not required to be members of the FDIC. They are not required to be members of the FDIC. They are not required to be members of the FDIC.

For example, a wife might have a joint account with her husband and each could also have a separate account. Each would be insured to the limit of the FDIC. You can theoretically have as many accounts as you want. The FDIC does not limit the number of accounts an individual can have.

It is important to remember that when Congress passed the FDIC, it did not intend to cover all insured depositories. It was intended to cover banks and savings and loans. The FDIC did not intend to cover all insured depositories.

You and I as taxpayers have money, to the tune of \$1 trillion. But not the FDIC. H.W. Moss is a business associate with the San Francisco office of the law firm of Moss & Associates. He also has a website. You can find him at <http://www.moss.com>.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 5508 PROCTOR AVE, Montclair, 3+bd/2ba charming 30's style Tudor. Estate sale. Lg deck w/vws. Immaculate. Marilyn Hansen 837-8492 SUN 1-5
- 7055 ELVERTON, Custom 3 1/4, pool, sauna, game rm, loft, wine rm \$785,000. Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174
- 119 BEECHWOOD, Claremont Pines, elegant 4+bd/3+ba traditional \$749,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 15030 BROADWAY TER, Montclair, nw listing! nearly new, bay vws \$699,000. Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carole Berger 644-5499
- 1350 SUNNYHILLS, Crocker, 3bd/3ba, elegant colonial, garden \$649,500. Pacific Union, Roselle Woods 339-6460
- 1160 DRURY RD, Great bay view! 4bd/3ba, FDR, fam rm, 4000+ sf \$589,000. Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174
- 6850 EXETER DR, P. Pines, just listed! 3 1/2 contemporary \$335,000. Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-4000
- 9098 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 4/3+, new listing! aupair, gardens \$498,500. Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 35 BAY FOREST CT, Oakland Hills 3bd/3+ba, new listing! family rm \$489,000. Pacific Union, Sandi Kiemmer 339-6460
- 2824 BURTON DR, Montclair 3+bd/3 1/2ba sunny contemp, move in \$489,000. Better Homes, Mel Copland 339-9400 OPEN SUNDAY 1-3:30
- 950 LARKSPUR RD, 4bd/3ba, deck with small pool, 2-car garage \$485,000. Gordon B. Reese 268-8571 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 261 SHERIDAN RD, Upr Rockridge 5/3, new listing! new constr \$479,000. Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-1670
- 235 SOMERSET RD, Central fr plan, fab views, FDR, level out gdn \$479,000. The GRUBB Company, Kurt Meyer 339-0400
- 991 SUNNYHILLS RD, Crocker Normandy, 4/3, library, FDR, deck \$469,000. Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174
- 6133 SNAKE RD, Montclair, 3-bridge vw, 3bd/2 1/2ba, fab mstr suite \$469,000. Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174
- 6456 PINEHAVEN RD, Montclair 4/3+ architect designed, 2 mstrs \$459,900. Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460
- 4414 CLAREWOOD, Upr Rockridge 3bd/1+ba, lg sunny level lot \$459,000. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5
- 7277 WOODROW, Montclair 3+bd/2 1/2ba, custom, on double lot \$449,000. Better Homes, M. J. McConville 339-4000
- 2930 JOAQUIN MILLER, Lincoln Hts, lg 5/3 w/in-law possibility \$449,000. Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400
- 9033 SKYLINE BL, P. Pines, 4bd/3ba spacious contemp, 1st open! \$440,000. Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 339-8400
- 6020 ZINN, Montclair, 3/2 w/mstr retreat, serene canyon outlooks \$439,000. Coldwell Banker, Karen Lum 339-1174
- 6516 HEATHER RIDGE, Montclair 3bd/2+ba contemporary \$425,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Elaine Barber 869-4204
- 6915 PINEHAVEN RD, Montclair 5/2 1/2, FDR, sep entry to lower level \$419,500. Better Homes, Ed Lindorff 531-8401 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5
- 1489 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker, just listed! 4bd/2ba, FDR, charm \$419,500. Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174
- 6017 OCEAN VIEW, Privacy & charm, Spanish style 3+bd/3ba \$410,000. J. T. Ward Realtors, Barbara Wilcox 845-8021 X232 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 6848 AITKEN DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, 1st open! loft mstr suite \$409,000. Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460
- 6120 BULLARD DR, Walk to village, frpl, hdwd, rec rm, ofc space \$399,500. Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174
- 6336 ASCOT DR, Montclair 4bd/1+ba, slate patio, lg park-like yd \$399,000. Pacific Union, Joan House 339-6460
- 2749 CARISBROOK DR, P. Pines, 3/2, garden setting, mstr w/office \$399,000. Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174
- 5727 SNAKE RD, Montclair 4/2, grt yd, family rm, decks, new kit \$399,000. Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 339-4000
- 223 DUNCAN WAY, Montclair 2 1/4 Engl. Tudor + 1/1 sep. cottage \$395,000. Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- 21 KINGWOOD RD, Oakland Hills, 3+bd, mstr suite, den, hdwds, vw \$379,000. The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400
- 3322 RUBIN DR, J. Miller 3bd/2ba, nry 1/2 acre w/bay vw, cul-de-sac \$379,000. Better Homes, Lois C. Johnson 339-8400
- 6377 WESTOVER DR, Montclair 4bd/2ba, new listing! upgraded \$375,000. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 11 KINGWOOD RD, Oakland Hills, 3+2 1/2, elegant mstr, office, gdns \$359,000. The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 183 CRESTMONT, 4bd/3ba \$359,000. Coldwell Banker, Soheyl Modarressi 486-1495

- 1054 LEO WY, Montclair 4bd/2b, charming Tudor, nw kit, 1st open \$359,000. Better Homes, Vickie Chan-Case 339-8400 X240
- 6115 ROCKRIDGE BL SO, Unique, sunny 3/2, frpl, dining, Indscpd \$352,000. Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846
- 654 BEACON, Lakeshore 4-plex, great buy! come see! \$350,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Susan Kaur 869-4228
- 6624 ESTATES DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, lovely tree setting, FDR \$349,000. Pacific Union, Helen Danahall 547-5750
- 6115 HARWOOD, Rockridge, classic, sundrenched, w/in-law \$339,500. Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Lisa Friedman 835-6109
- 4442 ARCADIA AVE Upr Glenview, 3/2, deck, fam rm, fruit trees \$339,000. The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400
- 5707 SCARBOROUGH, Montclair nw listing! older 3+2+, vw, rumpus \$329,500. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Randell 869-4242
- 6737 AITKEN, Piedmont Pines, private updated trad'l, 3+bd/2ba \$329,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 6132 JOHNSTON DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba, sunny, level-in, on cul-de-sac, hills view. Agent/Joel Kirschbaum 254-6180 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5
- 6720 BANNING DR, Montclair 4bd/2 1/2ba, fam rm, EIK level out to yd \$319,000. Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174
- 461 FLORENCE AVE, Upr Rockridge 2bd trad'l, lg verandah off kit \$319,000. The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400
- 6185 WESTOVER, Montclair 4+bd/3ba \$315,000. Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495
- 1842 BRENTWOOD RD, Upr Oakmore, cozy 3bd/2ba charmer, \$309,900. hardwoods, FDR, eat-in kitchen, landscaped yd w/bay view. Michael 482-4064
- 2860 ALIDA, Lincoln Heights, 3bd/2 1/2ba + family room, views! \$309,000. Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Hoover 849-5338
- 3917 ATLAS ST, Redwood Hts 3+bd/2ba, new listing! FDR, hdwds \$309,000. The GRUBB Company, Victor Fierro 339-8400
- 1109 GLENDDORA, Glenview 4bd/2ba brown shingle, sep aupair, yd \$299,000. Better Homes, Michael Harding 339-4000
- 152 GLENWOOD GLADE, Montclair 2bd/1+ba, 1st open! remod kit \$299,000. Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460
- 4330 TERRABELLA WAY, Oakland Hills 3bd/2+ba, bay/city vws \$299,000. Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460
- 5100 PARKRIDGE, 4bd/2ba, sunny & spacious level living \$298,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pam Cornford 869-4213
- 5677 CABOT DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, country retreat/garden home \$284,500. Better Homes, Rachel Bailor 530-3860
- 5644 ESTATES, Rockridge, new listing! 3bd/2ba, great price! \$279,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otter 869-4239
- 542 FAIRBANKS, Fabulous craftsman, 3bd bungalow, breakfast rm, \$279,000. formal dining room, stone fireplace, 1650 sf. OPEN SUNDAY 2-5 487-4ERA
- 7650 HANSON DR, Sequoia 3bd/2ba, move in condition! den, yd \$279,000. Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 339-4000
- 10511 ROYAL OAK, 4bd/2ba, all level living, park views, grt pool \$275,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vikki Landes 869-4225
- 7130 HOMEWOOD, Montclair, new listing! woods 2bd, deep pvt lot \$275,000. Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197
- 4255 MALCOLM, 3bd/2ba, private, enchanted garden \$269,500. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Sereda 869-4258
- 4549 SEQUOYAH RD, Oakland Hills 4/3, big house, quiet area \$269,000. Better Homes, Tom Nemeth 652-6537
- 90 MONTELL, New listing! Pied, Ave area, 3bd, 2-story trad'l, charm \$269,000. Coldwell Banker, Vicki Faulk 339-1174
- 8070 PHAETON, Oakland Hills, just listed! sunny 3bd/2ba, yard \$269,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 6033 MONROE, Rockridge, 3/1, old world charm, fix up/reap rewards \$265,000. Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174
- 5474 MANILA, Cute 2bd/1+ba bungalow, heart of Rockridge \$265,000. Templeton Company, Ron Eggherman 652-2133 X127
- 3930 NORTON, Redwood Hts 3bd, hdwds, EIK opens to patio, vw \$259,000. The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- 1824 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair airy 2+bd/1 1/2ba, grt yd, lots of charm \$259,000. Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174
- 6677 BANNING DR, Montclair 3/2, lowest price around! grt condition \$259,000. Better Homes, Richard Keeling 339-4000
- 6286 COLBY, Rockridge 2bd/1ba \$257,000. Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495
- 724 CALMAR, New listing! what curb appeal! 2bd/1b, +rm w/entry \$255,000. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 3828 WOODRUFF, Glenview, back on market, charming sunfilled 3bd \$255,000. Templeton Company, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134

- 4224 LA CRESTA, 4bd/2b, remod kit/bath, what a deal, move in! \$255,000. Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000
- 3715 ELSTON, Reduced! charming 3/2 Spanish Med, lg family rm \$255,000. Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256
- 1908 CLEMENS, Private garden retreat, 2bd/1b Oakmore Med, vw \$255,000. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 230 DUNCAN WY, Montclair 2bd bungalow, FDR, patio & garden \$255,000. The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400
- 3108 CARLSEN, Laurel Hts, bright & sunny 3bd/2ba, pvt drive, vw \$255,000. Better Homes, Kevin Blattell 339-8400
- 4442 CLAREWOOD DR, Rockridge 2 1/2+ twnhse, patio & decks \$255,000. Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- 4458 ELINORAE AVE, Redwood Hts 3bd/1ba, remod kit, yd, garden \$255,000. Pacific Union, Diane Earl McCan 339-6460
- 1265 HOLMAN RD, Trestle Glen, 1st open! 3bd/3ba sweet bungalow \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710
- 3526 MONTEREY BL, Redwood Hts, lg custom 2bd/2ba, huge lot \$255,000. Wells & Bennett, Carrie Craig 357-7772 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 499 JEAN ST, 2bd/1ba \$255,000. Better Homes, Seki Chikami 339-4000
- 3947 ARDLEY, Large sunny 3bd, plus rm, FDR, hdwds, level yard \$255,000. Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392
- 4732 REINHARDT DR, Redwood Hts, 2bd/1ba, woodsy, reduced! \$255,000. Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400
- 4041 MAYBELLE, 3/2 1/2, rec rm, wkshop area in gar, patio, toolshed \$255,000. Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 OPEN SATURDAY 2-4
- 3251 WISCONSIN, Maxwell Park, 2bd/1ba Spanish Mediterranean \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vikki Landes 869-4225
- 250 VERNON, Adams Point, 2+bd/3+ba Le Chateau condo! \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 4665 BENEVIDES, Glenview 2bd/1ba bungalow, hdwds, cul-de-sac \$255,000. Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000
- 75 MISSION HILLS, Oakland Hills 3+2+ end unit twnhs, bay vw \$255,000. Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 4437 CARSON ST, 3bd/1 1/2ba, reduced for quick sale! nr Hwy 13 \$255,000. Gadsby & Associates, Ingrid 748-5300
- 418 NEWTON AVE, Lake Merritt, lovely 3 1/4 craftsman, level yd \$255,000. Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400
- 3912 LYMAN, Dimond 2+bd, big patio, huge lot, trees \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501
- 2936 CALIFORNIA, Laurel, new listing! 2bd/1ba, hgt tub, charming \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Kathy Florence 869-4250
- 2642 RAWSON ST, Huge yard, 2+bd, new kitchen/baths, view! \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Elisabeth Belle 644-5452
- 4010 35th AVE, Laurel district, clean 3bd/1ba starter, great yard \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212
- 5416 BROADWAY #1, Rockridge, wonderful & spacious 2bd/1 1/2ba \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, DA Hammond 869-4219
- 4426 PAMPAS AV, Nw listing, split level, 2bd, FDR, cul-de-sac, FDR \$255,000. Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Diane Mintz 527-1400 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 3952 PATTERSON, Laurel 2+bd/1+ba, updated kit/ba, retrofitted \$255,000. Pacific Union, Pat Dedekian 339-6460
- 447 43rd, Oakland 2bd/1ba \$255,000. Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495
- 2558 SCENIC, Upper Dimond, great house/great price! \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203
- 2618 55TH, Maxwell Park, blend of original charm & tasteful updates \$255,000. Coldwell Banker, Kevin McMullen 339-1174
- 4300 MOUNTAIN BLVD, 2bd \$255,000. Finetti & Company, Roger 568-6171
- 376 ORANGE #2, 2bd Med twnhs w/30's details, courtlyd entry, frpl \$255,000. Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536
- 3829 MADRONE, Upr High St Terrace, 2bd, complete remodel, view \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554
- 2624 BEST AVE, Charming Maxwell Park 2bd, FDR, level yd, deck \$255,000. Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100
- 3065 BIRDSALL, Maxwell Park, 2bd/1ba, recently remodeled \$255,000. frpl, lovely yard, National RE Services, Charles Rivers 482-2380
- 2632 11th AVE, Adorable 2bd with charm & garden \$255,000. Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 644-5488
- 4030 BURKHALTER AVE, 3bd/1 1/2ba remod kit/baths, frpl, lg backyard \$255,000. cul-de-sac, walk to school, Prudential Landmark RE, Lucy Meyer 531-4554
- 750 OAKLAND AVE, next to Rose Garden, 2/2 condo, near transp. \$255,000. Also 1/1 condo \$99,500. Agent 654-4277 BOTH UNITS OPEN SUNDAY



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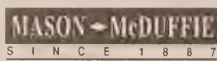
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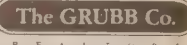


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ALBANY Maxwell Park 2+bd/2ba, needs work, make offers \$125,000
Duffie, Henriette Green 834-2010

STYWOOD ST #205, Rose Garden geml 1+bd, frpl, deck \$119,900
Barker, Marilyn Bromser 339-1174

WYON OAKS DR, Ridgmont, lovely 1/1 level-in end unit, \$110,000
Mall Ca RE 888-6331, Louise Dixon 568-2131 SUNDAY 1-4:30

W ST #422, Rose Garden condo, overlooks pool, 1bd/1ba \$80,000
Duffie 339-9290, Jim Forquer 869-4263

WINS, Adams Point immaculate 1bd condo, frpl, like new! \$81,000
Duffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 644-5488

WEDA Open Sunday

WOT COURT, 3bd/2+ba, Bay Farm Island \$255,000
8387-5691 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

WY Open Sunday

WY, Albany 4bd/3ba \$379,000
Barker, Cheryl/Gilda 488-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

WY, Just listed! 3bd/2ba w/piano view & large yard \$359,000
Realty 527-3387 X209 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

WY, 3bd, FDR, eat-in-kitchen, 1-car garage \$200,000
Duffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

WY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

WY, 1000 Oaks, 7/5+ John H. Thomas mstrpiece \$1,300,000
Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5

WY, Magnificent Med, 1/3 acre lush greenery, 4++b/3b \$935,000
Hills Realty 524-9888, Lior Mayer 763-5787

WY, No Berkeley, 4/3+ w/SF/bay vns, gourmet kitchn \$895,000
Barker, Melitta Beeson 339-0400

WY, Tudor Landmark in Claremont, new price, "as is" \$575,000
Company, Paul Templeton 652-2133

WY, Berkeley, 2 houses \$495,000
Barker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

WY, Berkeley 3bd/2ba \$475,000
Barker, Cheryl Cahn 486-1495

WY, 3bd/2ba Brown Shingle adobe plus 1 bedroom in-law, \$449,500
ing spaces for entertaining, professional kitchen, very private master
spectacular jacuzzi. Near Solano shops. No compromises! You CAN
M. Cohen RE 524-4037. SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30-4:30

WY, Wonderful 3/2 ranch, EIK overkls patio/garden \$445,000
Barker, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400

WY, Mod beauty in the hills! 3bd/2ba, home office \$439,000
Realty 527-3387 X127 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

WY, No Berkeley 2/2 H. Gutterson design, great hml \$399,000
Barker, Arnold Mueller 339-4000

WY, Bright 3bd shingle, yard, hot tub, plank floors \$360,000
Realty 527-3387 X134 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

WY, Nw listing! sunny charmer, 3bd/2+ba, yd, storage \$349,000
Hills Realty 524-9888, Gay Austin 527-4097

WY, 2bd/2+ba, gorgeous 2-level, quality, 2 mstrs, deck \$319,500
Barker, Joanna Gould 339-6460

WY, Cape Cod in Berkeley Hills, 2-story, 2+bd/2ba \$319,000
Realty 527-3387 X103 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

WY, Berkeley 3bd/3ba \$289,000
Barker, The Longs 486-1495

WY, Beautiful 2bd/1ba with great yard! \$279,500
Barker, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

WY, Reduced - 2 beautiful residences! assume loan \$249,500
Barker, Jack McPhail 652-2133 X135 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

WY, New price! 2bd/1ba, bring offers! \$231,000
Barker, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

WY, Berkeley duplex \$219,000
Barker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495

WY, 2bd/2ba fab flat in historic bldg, frpl, hdwd, gdn \$210,000
Properties, Marilyn Pursley 848-1950 X224

WY, 2+bd, pretty studio office in home, lush garden, \$194,000
Barker, excellent condition. 3% down. Owner 339-6941

WY, Nice duplex, 2bd each unit \$175,000
Duffie, Dianne Campbell 286-7502 OPEN SUNDAY 2:30-4:30

WY, Elmwood 2/1 condo abv College, level in rear unit \$135,500
Realtors, Miriam Wilson 845-6021 X225 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

WY, Darling 1bd condo in heart of Elmwood \$134,000
Barker, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2330 TENTH ST, 2bd/1ba home-like condo, set in a rose garden \$113,000
Better Homes, Jim Schubert 339-4000

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

971 CONTRA COSTA, El Cerrito 2bd/2ba \$199,000
Coldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

7121 FAIRMOUNT, 2bd/1ba \$179,000
Coldwell Banker, Jane Ishibashi 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

6551 PORTOLA DR, New listing! bright & clean 2bd, central location \$179,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

HAYWARD Open Sunday

22756 MAROLYN CT, Castro Valley site of Hayward, 4bd/1+ba \$164,500
Quittman Realty 893-8622 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

28 HIGHGATE CT, Level-in 3/2 rancher, FDR, hdwds, 2-car att.gar \$369,000
Security Pacific, Geri Stern 234-7808 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

44 FARRAGUT AVE, 7+bd/5+ba, beautifully restored, 1/2 acre, vw \$1,950,000
Pacific Union, Georgia Cornell 339-6460

43 FARRAGUT, Piedmont, just listed! Swank contemporary! \$1,650,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mavis Delacroix 658-6332

124 LEXFORD RD, Wonderful SF/bay, exquisite garden, tennis ct \$1,495,000
The GRUBB Company, Marion Schwartz 339-0400

175 INDIAN RD, Compl. renovated w/library, gourmet kit, Indscpd \$1,365,000
The GRUBB Company, Jeanette Roach 339-0400

7 HUNTERLEIGH CT, Stately, nw custom kitchen, 4bd, den, gdn, pool \$799,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

55 TYSON CIR, 3 sunny bd, gorgeous kit/family rm, Incredible view \$739,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

782 KINGSTON AVE, 1/4 acre lush pvt gardens, 6++4+1/2, mstr w/frpl \$689,000
The GRUBB Company, Connie Rogers 339-0400

46 CRAIG AVE, 3+bd/2+ba craftsman, 9 rooms, central location \$619,000
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

11 LaSALLE AVE, 3800 sf, 4/3, fam rm w/frpl, huge closets, storage \$569,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

518 SCENIC AVE, 3+bd/2+ba, new listing! charm, fab kit, SF view \$499,000
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460

308 SCENIC AVE, Affordable, 4bd/2ba, lg deck, redesigned kitchen \$499,000
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

20 PROSPECT, Charming Med, lg entry hall, FDR, 3bd, patio & deck \$439,000
The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400

230 PARK VIEW, Easy living, stylish 3bd plus office \$425,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Maddy Hickling 655-6896

507 MORAGA AVE, 4bd/2ba, rumpus, great yard, deck, garage \$389,000
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460

341 OLIVE AV, 2bd/1ba fixer w/potential, hill vw, FDR, level back yd \$259,900
Richmond, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

RICHMOND Open Sunday

1300 QUARRY CT #113, Pt. Richmond, 2/2 Brickyard Landing condo \$204,000
Marvin Gardens, Sue Nelson 273-9510 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2627 CHANSLOR, Richmond 2bd/1ba \$106,000
Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

2590 HUMBOLDT, 4bd \$369,000
Better Homes, Marcus 895-1594 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

880 GLEN DRIVE, 3bd \$274,500
Deadrch Realty, Hank 632-1234 OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

1201 OAKES BL, 3bd \$248,500
Deadrch Realty 632-1234, Hank OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

961 COLLIER, 3bd \$230,000
Better Homes, Marcus 895-1594 OPEN SATURDAY 1-4

313 BROADMOOR BL, 3bd/1+ba, 1st open, room to expand \$225,000
Better Homes, Earle Shenk 339-4000

2519 GALLEON, 3bd/2+ba twinhm, tile entry, frpl, community pool \$179,500
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2517 GALLEON, 3bd/2+ba, frpl, community pool, spa, tennis court \$179,500
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

905 RAMONA WAY, 2bd \$169,500
Deadrch Realty, Hank 632-1234 OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

14488 HEMLOCK ST, 3bd \$159,950
ERA Win Alliance, Virginia 357-4471 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

502 JOAQUIN AVE, 2bd \$139,000
Terry Plunkett, Broker 562-6369 OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4

946 ELGIN ST #B, 2bd \$123,500
Century 21 Korpi, Scott 276-2020 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

SAN LORENZO Open Sunday

1144 VIA VISTA, 3 bedrooms, gorgeous level lot! \$179,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Marlene Daniels 652-0624 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

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201 Announcements
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FOSTER PARENT ORIENTATION: Monday, April 7th, 5 p.m., Fred Finch Therapeutic Foster Care Program, 3800 Colledge Ave., Oakland. For additional information, please call 482-2244.

206 Found
MALE cat, Glenview. Maltin tan, some tabby markings, tall rings, green eyes. 482-0287.

FIND a young, brown, male Tabby cat in Lake Merritt area. Claim or adopt. 251-9229.

BABY Bird, Parrot? March 19th, Lakeshore/ Harvard. 763-7745.

YOUNG, friendly tortoise shell cat, deceased, Yosemite Ave., El Cerrito, March 17th. 528-1813.

FOUND 2 Labrador mix puppies, 13000 block of Skyline Blvd., Easter Sunday Evening. 562-6041.

207 Giveaway
URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

BLACK cat, middle-aged male. Crying for attention. Needs warm lap. Baby allergic. Donation. 510-524-0446

"KRAMER" Katsy, tabbies, 3 years, neutered, tested, shots. Affectionate, play together, indoor only. Donation. 594-0591.

"LOUIE", 1 year, Seal point Siamese, loving, affectionate, lap cat, tested, neutered shots, donation 834-0485

"JOHNNY", 6 years, DSH, black, personable, lovable. Owner deceased. Donation. Marc. 444-3204

"MILLIE", Siamese/Calico mix, affectionate, very pretty, likes cats, spayed, tested, shots. Donation. Marc. 444-3204.

FREE Hot tub, heater needs repair, and you must arrange for removal. 482-9102.

FIREWOOD! large pine, spruce, you pick-up, you split. Marie, 510-339-2585.

208 Lost
KITTY, long hair, male, black, lost March 22, Panoramic Prospect. Please call 849-9655 with info. Reward!

"JACK", Calico Terrier, male, Gray, 15 pounds. Skyline/Parkridge, March 25th. 531-8096

"MEELA" Shepherd/Lab mix, black, tan. Female, red collar. March 22nd, Skyline/Joaquin Mill. 482-9335

LOST black/white/tan Beagle, named "Fergie." Last seen Friday, May 28. Reward. 658-2037.

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 5 years. 547-6447.

SMILES DAY SCHOOL
Pre-school program 2.9 - 5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00. 339-3830

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Dungeons & Dragons for Kids! Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 3:00. \$100/week. 510-526-5577.

303 Instruction & Tutoring
A LEARNING PLACE
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep. Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley. 531-2500

PHLEBOTOMY/ Blood Drawing Course by Boston Reed Company. 1-800-201-1141. State Licensed Instructor.

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304 Musical Instruction

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PIANO, organ lessons, your home, all styles/levels. Adults. A special specialty. Very experienced. 1985-0990

PIANO Lessons. Experienced low-key instructor. All ages, levels welcome. Rockridge studio/your home. Carol. 855-2716

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SUZUKI piano lessons. Experienced teacher, North Berkeley. Children's lessons a specialty. Marilyn. 524-4965.

PIANO lessons in Albany, established teacher, positive local references, excellent with children 5 through teens. Beginning adults encouraged. Janet. 528-9112.

CYBLES PZES, Montclair, now hiring drivers/assistant. Evening shifts, part-time. Mike. 482-6157.

401 Help Wanted
ACCOUNTING CLERK
Oakland 4A advertising agency seeks experienced and detail-oriented A/R clerk for full-time 5 month assignment. Work perfect knowledge required. Send resume to Linda O'Day, Vice Advertising Inc., 3530 Grand Ave., Oakland 94610 or fax to: 510-835-1544.

ACCOUNTING - Overseas computerized account functions. West Berkeley location. Heavy G/L experience necessary. Payroll/Human Resource a plus. Some Saturday work. Part-time. Send resume to: 611 Hearst Ave., Berkeley 94710.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: for small, busy organization that funds tuition assistance for students. Duties include reports correspondence, database, mailing, newsletter, bookkeeping. Strong Mac computer skills. Full-time, \$19K-\$21K DOE. Fax resume: Family Aid-Catholic Education, Oakland, (510)451-6516.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Growing East Bay company is looking for a career-minded team player to provide administrative support. Emphasis on proposal production, customer service and phone. Must have competitive experience. MS Word and MS Excel experience is a must. Windows 95 and Office 95 a plus. Competitive salary and benefits. Send resume and salary history to Personnel, Paula L. DeC. Fine Catering, 1350 Park Ave., Emeryville, CA 94608

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Looking for energetic, upbeat individual to assist fast paced auto finance department. Fax resume to: (510)451-6380 or call Kathleen Ingram at (510)832-7282 ext. 6390, to schedule interview.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Fast paced interior design department needs articulate, personable, detail-oriented person for client interface. Phone skills, numbers aptitude and work processing needed. Fax resumes to: 510-655-7246

ADMINISTRATORS. Biomedical firm needed detail-oriented, full-time team players to manage. Excellent computer skills. Including WordPerfect 5.1, Microsoft Office, strong writing and organizational skills. \$20-\$25K Fax or mail resume and cover letter to: Ms. Tucker, Fax (510)652-1659, 5801 Christie Ave., #400, Emeryville, CA 94608

APARTMENT Manager 18 units near Piedmont. Small, fast growing company. Benefits Near Grand Lake. Call 800-381-9886

APPLIANCE installer. Experienced required in plumbing, electrical, mechanical. Full-time. Must have tools and truck. 510-654-6993

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ASSISTANT/Secretary, phone, computer, and accounting skills for office work. Cantonese speaking preferred. (510)527-8777

AUTOMOTIVE - A/R AP
Immediate opening for A/R AP person for mid-sized dealership. Experience with ADP computer system preferred. Strong receivable/collections background is required. Excellent pay and benefits. Please call Ruby Lucas at Winner Ford (510)665-3673 for immediate consideration.

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For fast growing real estate development firm. Strong bookkeeping skills to handle A/R and A/P, experience with Windows 95, MS Office/QuickBooks, Word a plus. Should be detail oriented, good organizer, self-motivated and have a positive attitude, good sense of humor, good verbal and written skills. \$10-\$14/hour, full-time/flexible hours. Resumes to: Horizon Management, 75 Vernon St., Oakland 94610. Fax (510)419-0655

BOOKKEEPER for small construction company, Oakland Hills. QuickBooks, TaxPro experience required. Pleasant, part-time, flexible hours. Fax resume to: 482-1638 then call 482-1600

CALIFORNIA Highway Patrol
Now accepting applications for:
State Traffic Office Cadet
\$2656 - \$3722/month. Good physical condition, 21-31 years old, high school diploma or equivalent, U.S. citizenship required. Final filing date for this exam is: April 10, 1997; next test date: May 10, 1997. For further information on both positions call the CHP Recruitment unit at: 707-468-4195. TT/DD 800-735-2929.

CARPET Cleaning Technician. Good DMV. \$1400 to \$2200 per month. Will train. Mr. Lane 523-3273

CITY OF OAKLAND
LIFE ENRICHMENT AGENCY
MEASURE KIDS FIRST STRATEGIC PLANNER
Request For Qualifications

The City of Oakland Life Enrichment Agency, in conjunction with the measure K/Kids First Planning and Oversight Committee, seeks to hire an individual consultant, firm or agency to develop a comprehensive four year strategic plan to guide the allocation of Measure K/Kids First funding to Oakland youth programs and a corresponding request for proposals by August 1997. Experience in youth development, strategic planning and the development of request for proposals (RFP) documents is required. Ability to work collaboratively with youth and diverse communities required. Knowledge of Oakland youth programs, non-profit and youth serving public agencies is highly desirable. To apply, please forward a brief letter of intent (no more than 3 pages) indicating the applicant's capabilities, qualifications, approach to the project and projected cost. Elizabeth C. M. Herdy at the Life Enrichment Agency, 1 City Hall Plaza, 3rd floor, Oakland, CA 94612 for a copy of the complete project description call 510-238-6379 and leave contact name and fax number. Application materials must be received by April 7th at 5 p.m. A/E/E/O.

CLASSIFIED ad rep: The Express hiring full-time position. Sales/customer service experience; excellent spelling/grammar, 45 wpm, enthusiasm a must. Hourly plus commission. Resume/cover letter: Classified Director, 931 Ashby, Berkeley 94710.

CLERICAL/Data Entry. 10+ hours/week. Workdays, phone skills. \$8/hour plus incentives. Ron. 644-9486

COOK/Assistant, Private club in Alameda, experience preferred. Nights and Weekends. Call 522-3273

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Immediate openings. Must have 2-3 years proven customer service experience. Good verbal skills a must. Call Certified Personnel, 510-444-0290.

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CYBLES PZES, Montclair, now hiring drivers/assistant. Evening shifts, part-time. Mike. 482-6157.

DATA ENTRY
Immediate openings. Must have 1-2 years experience. 10-key by touch. Type 45 wpm. Must know accounting experience a plus. Call Certified Personnel, 510-444-0290

DELIVERY driver, full-time/part-time. Clean DMV, knowledge of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda areas. Apply in person, 1745 14th Ave., Oakland. 251-2990

DELIVERY Driver. Courier Service needs driver to deliver items out of Oakland Airport. Must use computer, have clean DMV, good knowledge of the Bay Area, weekends only. (510)352-0816

DIRECTOR: school year position for experienced, experienced, experience necessary, flexible days/nights before and after school program. Great staff and supportive families committed to excellence. Competitive salary and benefits. Resumes to: P.O. Box 224, Orinda, CA 94563, telephone 510-820-5348

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EXECUTIVE Secretary. Oakland based commercial investment firm has full-time position available. Candidate must have excellent skills in Windows 3.1, Microsoft Word and Excel, enjoy a variety of tasks, and work well under pressure. Competitive salary with benefits. Fax resume with cover letter and salary requirements to: 510-839-9630 or 510-831-3057.

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\$675-800 CHARMING, large apartments, great location, hardwood floors, appliances. Must see. 465-7600 or 832-3585.

\$635 PIEDMONT border. 1 bedroom. QUIET. SECURE. Walk-in closet, balcony, view. New paint, Berber carpet, drapes, appliances. Senior building. 339-9692.

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Spacious, quiet, clean 1 bedroom. Cathedral ceiling, new carpets, garage, balcony. 465-5854.

\$750 CUTE, cozy (400 sq. ft.) cottage. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 4035 Ardley. No dogs. Agent, 763-9901.

\$750 LARGE 1 bedroom, 35th Ave./Arizona, close to transportation. Contact Kolliste, 510-462-2706.

\$750 MONTCLAIR, quiet in-law, garden patio, five minutes from Redwood Park, easy walk to village. Plus utilities. No pets. Non-smoking. 420-9442.

\$795 NEAR LAKE of Lakeshore, spacious 1 bedroom apartment in charming 1920's 5-level security building with formal dining room, hardwood floors, parking, cable. Portion of utilities paid. Laundry facilities. 415-328-1832.

\$850 FUNKY lower cottage. Hardwoods, 2 baths, tile, garage. Pets? 2906 Park Blvd. 420-1676, 662-9321.

\$850 MONTCLAIR included in-law, deck view, walk to Village. Includes utilities. No pets. Non-smoking. 234-8450.

\$985 MONTCLAIR Hills sanctuary in woods, spectacular Bay/ Canyon view, private, quiet, light, spacious, modern, elegant, hardwood floors, carpet, full deck, jacuzzi, washer/dryer, convenient parking, non-smoking, no pets. Plus utilities. 531-2474.

\$995 VERY large, charming 1+ bedroom upper flat. Hardwoods, fireplace, front porch. 454-922-8. Homefinders 549-6450.

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726 2 BED. APT. RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$650 DELUXE 2 bedroom, clean, quiet, security building near Lake shopping. No pets. 465-4384.

\$675 TWO bedroom, fourplex, new carpet, parking, garage, laundry. Credit check reference. Laurel District 635-9942.

\$675 TWO bedrooms. 1 bath in fourplex with garage. Newish carpet and paint. Includes water and garbage. No pets. Drive by 916 MacArthur. Agent Mary 531-7010.

\$675 TWO bedroom in great neighborhood. 634 Oakland Ave near Bay Vista and Grand Ave, building under management. 464-4621.

\$700 TWO bedrooms. 1 1/2 baths, townhouse apartments. Quiet, clean, laundry hookup, above MacArthur/ Maybellie. 531-7514.

\$750 FOURPLEX lower, Pill Hill. Hardwoods, yard, storage, coin laundry. Garage available 2 months. 547-3855.

\$750 TOP floor. Beautiful large kitchen in fourplex. Security garage, view. Call after 4, 531-8568.

\$765 SPACIOUS, sunny 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath duplex. Carpet, new tile, double garage, near transportation. 415-564-7322.

\$775 PIEDMONT border. Sharp, 2 bedroom, new tile. Covered parking. Transportation. Available April 1. 510-658-4386.

\$795 CHINA Hill. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths with hill view and deck. Clean, well-maintained, quiet, modern building. Good freeway plus bus access. New paint and carpet. Gated parking. Near Grand Lake. 834-6350.

\$795 LARGE, sunny Laurel area triplex. Huge deck, garage, laundry. No pets, nonsmoking. 547-3681.

\$795 MORMON Temple area, 2 bedroom in newer 5-plex, upstairs unit, cathedral ceilings, laundry, off-street parking. Lease. No pets. 531-4633.

\$800 NEAR Piedmont Ave., lower flat, off-street parking duplex, patio, storage, available April 21. 658-2899.

\$800 SUNNY, view, quiet, 2 bedroom. New carpet, linoleum paint. Garage/laundry. Sequoyah area. 635-8551.

\$825 TWO bedroom, Lake Merritt area. New carpet, paint. Drive by 364 Lester. Call WMC, 463-9380.

\$850 CENTRAL ADAMS POINT

365 Warwick. Spacious 2 bedroom. Elevator, coin laundry. Fresh carpet and paint. Call 465-0969.

\$850 301 JAYNE, near Lake Merritt. 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. First with parking, parking and new carpet. Agent 523-1166.

\$850 HUGO (1520 sq. ft.), quiet, convenient, Adams Point. Workroom, parking, garden, patios, redwoods. 654-7744.

\$850 PENTHOUSE near Lake, secure 2 bedrooms, parking, patio. New paint/ carpet. View. Deposit. 452-3255.

\$850 PIEDMONT border, two bath, spacious top floor, AEK carpet, laundry, parking. 3815 Harrison St. 569-0165.

\$875 NEAR PIEDMONT

2-bedroom, 2 bath, 1200 sq. ft. in luxury building. End unit with dishwasher, elevator, and more! Includes security garage parking. 655-8355.

\$900 TWO bedroom, 2 bath condo. Balcony, Lake view, sunny, garage, secure, quiet, laundry. 465-5730.

\$945 CHARMING duplex, upper Grand, excellent neighborhood. 2 baths, yard, deck, fireplace, dining. No large pets. 510-233-4578 before 9 p.m.

\$950-1200 UPPER ROCKRIDGE/PIEDMONT

2 bedroom, 1 bath, top floor, 2 bedroom, 2 bath top floor corner. Master suite, Master suite, gallery hall, balcony, formal dining, dishwasher, disposal, generous closets. 2 bedroom, 1 bath garden setting with pool, balcony, quiet and secure. Cats okay. 658-3280.

\$950 TWO bedroom, 2 bath, hardwood floors, Lake Merritt area. Excellent condition. Drive by 65 Garland. Call WMC, 893-9380.

\$995 PIEDMONT border, fireplace, open view, patio, vaulted, quiet. Pleasantly Rockridge shopping, enclosed gated parking available, responsive on-site management. 428-4962.

\$1150-1250 UNFURNISHED 2 bedroom condominium near Lake Merritt, Lakeshore Shopping District. New 7 units, security building with elevator, parking, patios, decks, washer/dryer in each unit, approximately 1100 square feet, some Lake views, 1 year lease, no pets, non-smoking. 400 Wayne Avenue. Shown by appointment. 452-2944.

\$1150 STUNNING, modern, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Walk-to-walk carpeting, fireplace, other amenities, near transportation. Dimond Heights. Pets negotiable. 339-1938.

\$1195 GLENVIEW Victorian, huge attic 2 bedroom penthouse, parking, laundry. Cat okay. All utilities. 482-2087.

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2 bedroom, 2 bath, top floor, corner unit. Freshly painted with large entry. Gallery hall, generous closets and lots of sun. Secure and quiet with gated garage parking. Cats okay. 658-3280.

\$1200 ULTRA deluxe penthouse, near Lake, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, master suite, fireplace, Bay Bridge views, washer/dryer, deck and sun room. 547-1816.

726 2 BED. APT. RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$1250 LARGE penthouse with view. 2+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Fireplace, deck, off-street parking, laundry. 631-0765.

\$1300 TWO bedroom duplex, 2000 sq. ft., formal dining, huge living room, deck, yard. Walk to Lakeshore shopping. 636-2198.

\$1500 MAGNIFICENT renovated Victorian Fire station with brass pole, 2 bedrooms, 1550 sq. ft., laundry, parking, live-work. 339-9625 ext. 242.

727 3+ BED. APT. RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$995 VERY large upper floor, in fourplex, parking, 436 East 15th Street, 930-9273.

\$1190 IMMACULATE, huge 4 bedroom duplex. Hardwoods, fireplace, washer/dryer, yard, parking. Nice location. No pets. Must see. 658-3472.

\$1345 933 HARRISON Street, Piedmont area. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, view, 1400 ft. large, 6 closets. New tile kitchen, carpets, paint, flooring, vaulted. 423-0408.

COTTAGES FOR RENT**737 Berkeley**

\$600 STUDIO, Woodsy setting, bay view, store room, dark room. Dignity/ Hancock. #10617-B. Homefinders 548-6450.

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751 Berkeley

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752 1 BED. HOME RENTALS
Berkeley

\$1000 WESTBEE, Sunny, hardwood floors, fenced yard, room for garden. Stanner/Gilman. #10592-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

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Berkeley

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756 El Cerrito & North

\$890 EL CERRITO Hills. Cozy, 2 bedroom, yard, patio, garage. Good location. 832-8328 evenings.

\$890 EL CERRITO, 2 bedrooms, bi-level, large kitchen, nook, yard, Liberty/Stockton. #10555-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$1000 HERCULES, 100 Heather, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, mirrored closets, yard, garage. \$1000 deposit. 758-3455.

\$1050 EL CERRITO comfortable, old 2 bedroom, sharp, carpets, garage, near BART. Non-smoking. Agent 592-9661.

\$1050 RICHMONDVIEW Hills, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Fireplace, carpets, laundry, deck, yard. Quiet neighborhood. 525-9010.

759 Oakland & Piedmont

\$400 KITCHEN, bedroom, bath, yard, garage. On 53rd Street. 276-9267, between 12-2 p.m. only.

\$650 LAUREL District, above MacArthur, convenient location. Unfurnished, yard, detached garage. Available immediately. 510-933-5045.

761 2 BED. HOME RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$680 NEW house, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath plus loft, yard, parking, common courtyard, 20' ceilings. 2141 East 19th Street. 415-626-5941.

\$950 LOWER Maxwell park near Mills College. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, remodeled kitchen, deck, garage, basement, yard. Short term month to month lease. 672-7409.

\$1075 QUIET, sunny, remodeled kitchen/ bath with jacuzzi tub. Fireplace, dishwasher, hardwoods, yard, covered patio, garage, nonsmoking, pets negotiable. 462-7595.

\$1100 MILLS College area. New floors, paint, central heat, fireplace, laundry, yard. Near transportation. 653-7440.

\$1100 ROCKRIDGE 2 bedroom upper flat. Fireplace, deck, hook-ups. Clifton/Claremont. #10651-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$1300 SUPER VIEW

Near Mormon Temple, sunny 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, hardwood floors, nice patio, carport. No pets. 530-4884.

\$1350 MONTCLAIR, secluded, quiet, older home. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Fireplace, washer/dryer. Large yard. Garage. \$2000 security. References required. 1 year lease. Available May 4. 415-453-5224.

\$1365 BEAUTIFUL, Glenview home, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, elegant dining room, large, sunny living room, hardwood floors, large kitchen/ garage stove/ deck. Fenced yard. Park Blvd. at Greenwood-remarkably quiet. Cat welcome, dog negotiable. 943-6637.

761 2 BED. HOME RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$1500 PLUS, large, bright split-level flat in beautiful 1920's Mediterranean triplex near Piedmont border. 1800 sq. ft., formal floor plan, 2 baths, 2 bedrooms, big sun room with laundry and yard access. 1000 plus sq. ft. of decking. Dog run, vegetable garden. European kitchen. Available early April. Best written offer selected on April 6. Leases acceptable. 834-4000.

\$1599 PIEDMONT 2 plus bedrooms. Rent/ sale, lowest sale price. Formal dining, yard, garage. 510-836-0180.

\$1750 CHARMING Montclair home, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 bonus rooms, hardwood floors, huge kitchen, dishwasher, washer/dryer, garage, patio with outdoor fireplace. Gardener included. No pets, non-smoking. Available May 1st. Two year lease. 510-339-6631.

762 3 BED. HOME RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$1495 THREE bedroom 1920's California bungalow in Glenview. Hardwoods and wood trim, fireplace and huge dining room, quiet street and small backyard. 4003 Unwood. Call WMC, 893-9380.

\$1600 CLASSIC Arts and Crafts. Built-in, hardwood floors, formal dining, sunporch, huge yard. CPS/SELECT 338-1842.

\$1750 CHARMING, spacious, sunny Cape Code Colonial. Hardwood floors, fireplace. Crocker Highlands. 981 Grosvenor Place. Open April 4, (1030)-1001.

\$1750 MONTCLAIR, valley view, peaceful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, office, new kitchen, carpets, garage, spa, available April 15. 339-6261, evenings.

\$1825 BIG price reduction for woodsy hideaway. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. View hot tub. Available now. Dorie (broker), 763-9901.

\$2100 RIDGEMONT, Oakland Hills, 2 1/2 baths, Bay views, fireplace, decks, garden, double garage. Cul-de-sac. 510-636-1983.

763 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$1250 LAKE, Hanover Ave., charming 1911 two story, hardwood floors, fireplace, appliances, great neighbors. 451-4458.

\$1950 PIEDMONT home, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, nice yard. Agent, 353-9105.

\$2500 FIVE bedrooms, 2 baths, rumpus. No dogs. Available May 1. 339-0400.

\$2500 FOUR bedroom, 2 bath, furnished, Bay view, garden, formal living room/ dining room, close to excellent school district. No pets. First plus security. 659-0498.

\$2600 FOUR bedrooms, 3 1/2 bath, alarm, view. Near school, BART. Gardener included. 510-834-3887.

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\$450 SPACIOUS room in BFT home with professional male. Backyard, fireplace, nonsmoking. Evenings 521-1202.

773 Berkeley

\$435 MEDIUM size bedroom in large Berkeley hillside or Spanish-style home. Panoramic view, deck, fireplace, laundry, dual kitchens. 549-9497.

\$450 REMODELED 2 bedroom apartment. North Berkeley, recent UCSB upgrades. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave. 527-4576.

776 Lamorinda & East

\$650 ORINDA quiet, sunny, 3 bedroom home. Large kitchen, fireplace, separate living room space. 254-3430.

777 Oakland & Piedmont

\$275-3350 NEAR Mills, 4 bedroom home, decks, pond, storage. Call Scott 636-4080.

\$300/400 TWO rooms, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, pretty Dimond Park area. Share with 1 woman. No pets. 530-7759.

\$375 MORMON Temple area, 2 bedroom triplex. Includes utilities. Quiet, spiritual person. Garden setting. 561-5002.

\$400 GRADUATE student renting sunny room, 1 bath, 2 decks. Near Montclair Village. Marta 510-482-8723.

\$400 LINCOLN Heights. Quiet, private sunny suite, gardens, view. Nonsmoking, no children/ pets. 530-3860.

\$425 MASTER bedroom, large double closet, view, quiet neighborhood, 1/2 block-bus, close-Lakeshore shopping, laundry facilities, share kitchen. 465-1958.

\$450 HILLS, sunny, woodsy with private entrance. 3 women/ baby. Decks, fireplaces, all conveniences. 339-3685.

\$450 THREE bedroom flat, with one female, Rockridge area, includes utilities, laundry, large yard. 420-5879.

\$500 ROOM/ bath (and study), large sunny house shared with 2. Hardwoods, laundry. 601-1357; 652-7435.

\$750 MONTCLAIR 4 bedroom, 3 bath, view, private bath/ deck, fireplace in bedroom. 339-0703.

778 San Leandro & South

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CA 94521.
Valerie Ann Grey, 4411 Sugarland Ct., Concord, CA 94521.
The business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 19, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 19, 1997.
The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997. Republish April 17, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1331
The Name of the Business:
1) Animal Fair, 2) ch. baby, 221 Ramona Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530-4144.
Are registered by the following owner:
Jeanette Gardipee Fleming, 221 Ramona Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530-4144.
These businesses are conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 3, 1997.
The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997. Republish April 17, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1239
The Name of the Business:
Basket Case, 110 Sims Rd., Oakley, CA 94561.
Is registered by the following owner:
Michelle R. Cipriani, 110 Sims Rd., Oakley, CA 94561.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 26, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 26, 1997.
The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997. Republish April 17, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1348
The Name of the Business:
1) CyberPiper Enterprises, 2) Cadpice Power Users, 3) CPU, 3660 Sun View Way, Concord, CA 94520. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6567, Concord, CA 94520.
Are registered by the following owner:
Mark Annis, 3660 Sun View Way, Concord, CA 94520.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 3, 1997.
The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997. Republish April 17, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1254
The Name of the Business:
Corner Club, 780 A Point Chico Hwy, Bay Point, CA 94555.
Is registered by the following owner:
Craig Watson, 110 Tammy Cir., Bay Point, CA 94555.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 27, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 27, 1997.
The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997. Republish April 17, 1997.

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Redevelopment Agency Of The City Of El Cerrito And The El Cerrito City Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Redevelopment Agency of the City of El Cerrito (the "Agency") and the El Cerrito City Council will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, April 21, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito, California. The hearing may be continued from time to time until completed. Any person desiring the opportunity to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to do so.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider approval of a First Amendment to Disposition and Development Agreement, and accompanying Amended and Restated Agency Participation Agreement related to the ground lease conveyance of a parcel of land by the Agency to Del Norte Pacific Avenue, a Partnership (the "Partnership"), on which the Partnership has developed and operates a 135-unit housing development and 19,000 square foot retail center, "Development," the land which has been ground leased by the Agency to the Developer is the site of the Del Norte Pacific development and is located on an approximate four acre parcel on Del Norte Pacific Avenue, between Koff and Wall Avenues (17320 San Pablo Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Number 501-261-015).

The proposed First Amendment to Disposition and Development Agreement would amend the existing Disposition and Development Agreement dated July 16, 1990 between the Agency and The IBEX Group, Inc. (the "IBEX Group"), and the proposed First Amendment and Restated Agency Participation Agreement would amend the Agency Participation Agreement dated April 1, 1991 between the Agency, The IBEX Group, and the Partnership.

Any and all persons having any objections to the First Amendment to Disposition and Development Agreement and the accompanying Amended and Restated Participation Agreement, or who desire the opportunity to be heard on this matter, may appear at any public hearing on this matter, or may appear at the hearing and will be afforded an opportunity to state their objections.

If any person desires to challenge in court the approval and execution of the proposed First Amendment to Disposition and Development Agreement, and the accompanying Amended and Restated Participation Agreement, or any proceedings in connection therewith, they may be limited to raising only those issues that they or someone else raised at the hearing described in this notice, or in the correspondence delivered to the Agency or the City Council at, or prior to, the hearing.

As required by Section 33433 of the Health and Safety Code, copies of the First Amendment to Disposition and Development Agreement and Amended and Restated Participation Agreement and the summary of the proposed First Amendment to Disposition and Development Agreement are available at the offices of the Redevelopment Agency at 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California, for public inspection and copying at a cost not to exceed the cost of duplication. Further information regarding this hearing may be obtained by contacting Gerald Raycraft, Redevelopment Agency Executive Director, at (510) 215-4380.

The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1391
The Name of the Business:
Milit's Water Transport, 4018 Dunbarton Cr., San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is registered by the following owner:
Gary John Milit, 4018 Dunbarton Cr., San Ramon, CA 94583.

Valerie Ann Milat, 4018 Dunbarton Cr., San Ramon, CA 94583.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 5, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1606
The Name of the Business:
Home Techs, 9898 Alcolta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is registered by the following owner:
Rolando Martello, 9898 Alcolta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 13, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 13, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1429
The Name of the Business:
Roasted Joe's Coffee House, 3366 Euclid Ave., Concord, CA 94519. P.O. Box 162, Concord, CA 94522-0162.
Is registered by the following owner:
Jacqueline A. Gagliardi, 3366 Euclid Ave.,

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Concord, CA 94519.
Joseph J. Gagliardi, 380 E. 5th St., Apt. 15-F, New York, NY 10021.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 8, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 8, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1413
The Name of the Business:
ERS International Business, 35 Crestview Dr., Orinda, CA 94563.
Is registered by the following owner:
Erwin Rolando Sanchez, 35 Crestview Dr., Orinda, CA 94563.

Patricia Sanchez, 35 Crestview Dr., Orinda, CA 94563.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 6, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1611
The Name of the Business:
Hearstavers, 791-9 Lakemont Pl., San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is registered by the following owner:
Victor Casella, 791-9 Lakemont Pl., San Ramon, CA 94583.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 13, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 13, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1781
The Name of the Business:
Writer At Large, 1020 Willow Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is registered by the following owner:
D. L. Davy, 1020 Willow Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 20, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

Notice To Creditors Of Bulk Sale
(Secs. 6104, 6105 U.C.C.)
Escrow No. 97-003

Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below.

The names and business addresses of the seller are: Li Ai Wu, 2118 Willow Pass Road, #300, Concord, CA 94520.

The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: same as above.
As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: none.

The names and business addresses of the buyer are: Nip Ho, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., #300, Concord, CA 94520.

The assets to be sold are described in general as: Furnishings, fixtures, equipment and goodwill of that certain restaurant and are located at: 2118 Willow Pass Rd., #300, Concord, CA 94520.
The business name used by the seller at that location is: Young's Buffet Restaurant.
The expired date of the bulk sale is April 8, 1997 at Young's Buffet Restaurant, 1407 Webster Street, Oakland, CA 94612.
This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is Law Offices of Gerard Lam, 1407 Webster Street, Oakland, CA 94612.
This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is Law Offices of Gerard Lam, 1407 Webster Street, Oakland, CA 94612.
Signed: Nip Ho, Buyer.
The Journal April 3, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1593
The Name of the Business:
Valley View Pre School & Day Care Center, 5435 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Is registered by the following owner:
Sandra Hemmett, 5113 Naomi Ct., Pinole, CA 94564.

Maria Noorzy, 24 Pomona St., Crockett, CA 94525.
This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 26, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 12, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1220
The Name of the Business:
Beyond Infinity, 217 Gaucho Court, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is registered by the following owner:
Elizabeth Anelossi, 217 Gaucho Court, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Mark Anelossi, 217 Gaucho Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 26, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 26, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1450
The Name of the Business:
Esthetics Dental Group, 1001 Willow Pass Road (Inside Sams), Concord, CA 94520.
Is registered by the following owner:
M. Larry Kyle, D.D.S., Prof. Corp., 9197 Greenback Lane, Suite G, Orinda, CA 94562.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 7, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1559
The Name of the Business:
Future Choice System, 788 Colusa Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is registered by the following owner:
Chen Yeh Fu, 788 Colusa Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Pang Yeh Fu, 788 Colusa Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 12, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 12, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1572
The Name of the Business:
Ikee Field Services, 129 Bishop Rd., Crockett, CA 94525.
Is registered by the following owner:
Isaac (Ike) Sanchez, 129 Bishop Rd., Crockett, CA 94525.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 12, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 12, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1538
The Name of the Business:
J and M Janitorial Services, 10 Arlington Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566.
Is registered by the following owner:
Juan F. Campos, 10 Arlington Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Martha C. Campos, 10 Arlington Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 11, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 11, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1469
The Name of the Business:
Roasted Joe's Coffee House, 3366 Euclid Ave., Concord, CA 94519. P.O. Box 162, Concord, CA 94522-0162.
Is registered by the following owner:
Jacqueline A. Gagliardi, 3366 Euclid Ave.,

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The Name of the Business:
L&L Community Care Service, 4223 Oakshade Court, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is registered by the following owner:
Leonard Fletcher, 4223 Oakshade Court, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Emma L. Clark-Fletcher, 4223 Oakshade Court, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 7, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1462
The Name of the Business:
Professional Lock & Safe, 5702 Marsh Dr. #H, Pacheco, CA 94553.
Is registered by the following owner:
John Dirk Vanadighem, 5548 Willow Oak Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.
Corey Michael Vanadighem, 1232 Raymond Dr., Pacheco, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 7, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1581
The Name of the Business:
R.D.H.D. Construction, Consulting and Design, 711 Hawthorne Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is registered by the following owner:
Behman Mostowfi, 711 Hawthorne Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

J.R. Dinyari, 745 Deftail Way, Concord, CA 94518.
This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 13, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 13, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1541
The Name of the Business:
That Herb Thing, 4475 C Treat Blvd., Concord, CA 94521.
Is registered by the following owner:
Peter Matthew Stanton, 707 Stone Harbour Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.

Tammy Lynn Stanton, 707 Stone Harbour Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 13, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 13, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1541
The Name of the Business:
That Herb Thing, 4475 C Treat Blvd., Concord, CA 94521.
Is registered by the following owner:
Peter Matthew Stanton, 707 Stone Harbour Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.

Tammy Lynn Stanton, 707 Stone Harbour Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 13, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 13, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1418
The Name of the Business:
Taling Tao Restaurant, 12372 San Pablo Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.
Is registered by the following owner:
Song Nian Ni, 679 3rd Ave., San Francisco, CA 94108.

Dong Mei Cai, 714A Bay St., San Francisco, CA 94109.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 6, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 6, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1314
The Name of the Business:
Vertigo Software, Inc., 45 Idaho St., Richmond, CA 94801.
Is registered by the following owner:
Vertigo Software, Inc. California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 31, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 28, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1314
The Name of the Business:
Vertigo Software, Inc., 45 Idaho St., Richmond, CA 94801.
Is registered by the following owner:
Vertigo Software, Inc. California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 31, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 28, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1502
The Name of the Business:
CYBERSYS, 1950 Beacon Ridge, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is registered by the following owner:
Amir Houshyarfar, 1950 Beacon Ridge, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 13, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 13, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1600
The Name of the Business:
1) Strategic Information Group, 2) Strategic Information Group, 235 Behrens Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Are registered by the following owner:
John Zakaria, 235 Behrens Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Jule Lim, 235 Behrens Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 13, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 13, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1472
The Name of the Business:
Heaton Limousine Service, 4685 Lariat Lane, Oakley, CA 94561. P.O. Box 4366, Antioch, CA 94501.
Is registered by the following owner:
Marion Heaton, 1600 Mission Dr., Antioch, CA 94501.

Donna Heaton, 1600 Mission Dr., Antioch, CA 94501.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 10, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 10, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1543
The Name of the Business:
1) Sugar Happy Diabetes Supplies, 2) GlucoMed Systems, 824 Miranda Creek Ct., Alamo, CA 94507.
Are registered by the following owner:
Debra Elliott, 824 Miranda Creek Ct., Alamo, CA 94507.

Clarke Stillman Elliott, 824 Miranda Creek Ct., Alamo, CA 94507.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 4, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 4, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1539
The Name of the Business:
L.D. Media, 2915 Lane Drive, Concord, CA 94518.
Is registered by the following owner:
Luke Santos, 2915 Lane Drive, Concord, CA 94518.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 5, 1997.
The Journal April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1939
The Name of the Business:
A Basket Full, 14 Casa Verde Way, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is registered by the following owner:
Patricia Rickles, 14 Casa Verde Way, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

Grocery Rickles, 14 Casa Verde Way, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by Individuals -

Golden Gate Fields was purchased last week by racetrack owner Ladbroke Corporation

Track purchase solves only one piece of the waterfront puzzle

By Greg Huginin

ALBANY — While last week's deal between Catellus and Ladbroke

corporations may have been the end of many decades of speculation as to the future of the waterfront, the next few years will also hold some changes.

In addition to having the British gaming giant as a perhaps perpetual neighbor, the transaction should also lead to increased tax revenue for the city and state.

Also, while the future of three parcels promised to the city under 1994's Measure F — which allows a cardroom to be built at the site — will hinge on whether the city or the Citizens for Responsible Government emerge victorious from the Golden Gate Fields cardroom lawsuit, an easement for the Bay Trail promised by Measure F apparently will not.

According to Martin Vitz, advanced planning manager for the East Bay Regional Park District, part of the \$27.5 million deal signed two weeks ago with Catellus involves providing \$200,000 for the easement.

If the city wins the lawsuit, the easement, as well as \$500,000 for construction of the trail, will automatically be given by Ladbroke. If not, Catellus must fork over \$200,000, at which point the park district will sit down at the table with the property's new owner.

"Our belief is that we can work out something that provides an adequate trail," Vitz said. "Regardless (of what happens), we will find a way to get the trail through."

If Ladbroke is for some reason unwilling to bargain, condemnation could also be used, Vitz said. As for the nearly six acres of land — including the Horseman's Lot near Fleming Point, a "dune habitat"

restoration area — which includes the parking lot to the racetrack — promised in Measure F: if the city, which lost the lawsuit, the sites would be figured into the city's 150-laborer

Another aspect of the deal involves a reassessment of the city's property, which, according to Assessor's Office, is worth \$1 million for the Albany area. Because of Proposition 13, taxable value may go up only one percent a year, provided that the change happens.

Also, as a result of the district's deal with Catellus, approximately 30 acres of "plateau" to the north of the track once assessed as Recreational Use Tax (RUT) property, but which would be publicly owned, would be subject to a 10 percent increase in the district might be able to raise property, though.

While Ladbroke officials were too early to say what might be in store at the site, Ladbroke Vice President Reichow did say the deal gives the "green light" to getting capital improvements. Officials hope the improvements also bring in increased tax revenue, as it has declined from fiscal year 1989/90 to 1996/97.

Although the owners of the racetrack have gone that same period, because the increase comes from betting on races at the racetrack, the revenue has declined.

Nursery workers hospitalized after breathing toxic fumes

The head of Contra Costa County's hazardous materials unit says 20 workers at a Richmond nursery went to the hospital Monday after they were overcome by fumes from a plant that cleans chemical drums.

Lewis Pascalli said initial reports indicate that heavy winds blowing in the Bay area sent noxious vapors from a drum refurbishing process at Meyer's Container Corp. back down a chemical scrubber tower that is supposed to vent the gases.

Pascalli said calls started coming in to the county's environmental health unit at 8:49 a.m. with reports that staffers working outdoors at the Color Spot plant nursery on Garden Tract Road were

being sickened by fumes from the next-door facility. One nursery worker was ambushed by toxic fumes and 19 others took to the hospital to be checked out.

Pascalli said the chemicals cleaned out of the 55-gallon drums was the brominated butyl vinyl resins. The cleaning operation was under way at 9:15 a.m., and the fumes appeared to be coming from nearby homes or businesses.

Hazardous materials unit now trying to determine exposure to the chemicals, immediate or long-term effects.